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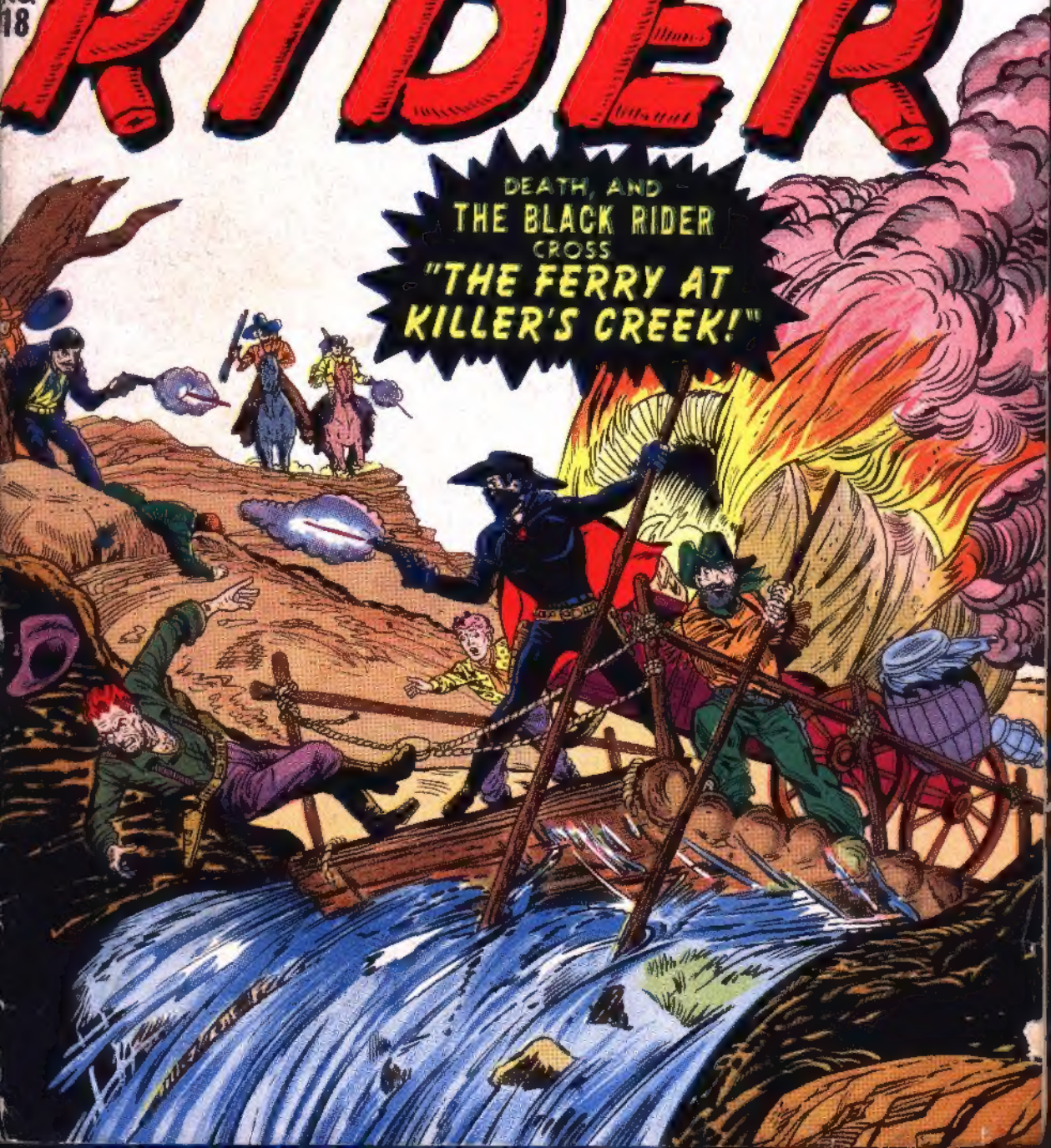
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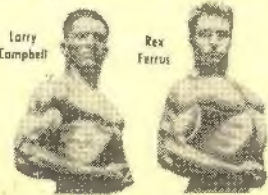
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MYSTERY MAN OF THE WESTERN RANGE!

HATRED IS THE BLINDEST OF HUMAN EMOTIONS! BUT, AS THE BLACK RIDER DISCOVERED, THOSE WHO HATE ARE BLINDER STILL... AND THE RESULT IS TRAGEDY, STARK AND PRIMITIVE!

THE
INDIAN
WITH
TWO
HEARTS!

KILL THE
PALEFACE
TRAITOR!

NO! GIVE ME
A CHANCE!

KILL THE NO-GOOD
RENEGADE!



EARLY ONE EVENING, AT FORT NOBLE, SMALL BASTION OF CIVILIZATION IN EASTERN MONTANA...

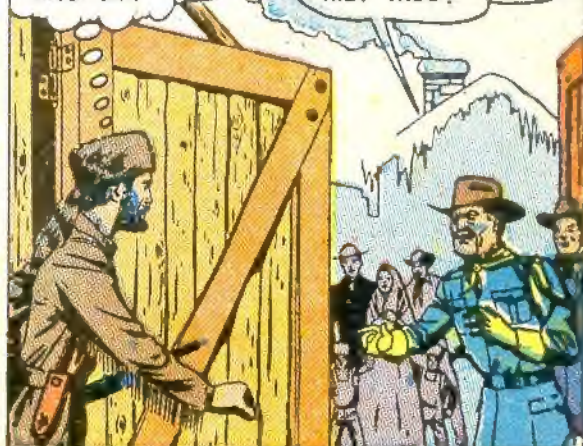
OPEN UP! I'VE GOT TO SEE MAJOR DENNING RIGHT AWAY!

IT'S DICK FENSHAW, THE SCOUT! OPEN THE GATES!...



POOR DEVILS! LOOK AT 'EM! WAITIN' FOR SOME WORD OF HOPE... AN' I AIN'T GOT A SCRAP OF SOOD NEWS TO GIVE 'EM!

WELL, MAN, SPEAK! THESE RUMORS... OF A LARGE BLACKFOOT ARMY RISING TO LAY GIEGE TO OUR FORT... ARE THEY TRUE?





YEP, MAJOR! THE HALF-BREED GAVE YOU THE STRAIGHT GOODS! THERE'S AN ARMY OF BLACKFEET WARRIORS HEADED THIS WAY!

YOU SEE, MAJOR? HAD YOU BELIEVED ME A MONTH AGO WHEN I FIRST REPORTED THIS UPRISING, YOU'D HAVE BROUGHT UP REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE EAST!



AND MAKE MY MILITARY STRATEGY DEPEND ON A HALF-BREED'S WORDS? I'M NOT SUCH A FOOL AS THAT! YOU HAVE BLACKFOOT BLOOD IN YOUR VEINS! WHO KNOWS WHAT TREACHERY YOU ARE CAPABLE OF?

SO THIS IS YOUR GRATITUDE FOR MY YEARS OF SERVICE AS AN ARMY SCOUT? VERY WELL! BE DESTROYED BY THE INDIAN ARMY! YOU DESERVE YOUR FATE!



THE HALF-BREED'S RIGHT, MAJOR! JIM THUNDERHEAD NEVER GAVE YOU CAUSE TO THINK HE'D DOUBLE-CROSS YOU! JIM'S TRIED MIGHTY HARD TO WIN PALEFACE RESPECT!

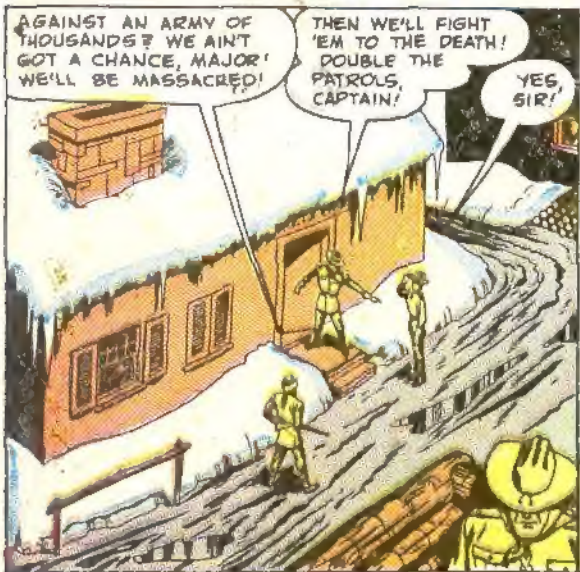
RESPECT? HE DOESN'T WANT RESPECT... HE WANTS ACCEPTANCE AS A WHITE MAN! BUT INJUN IS INJUN AND WHITE MAN IS WHITE! THEY DON'T MIX!

RIGHT! BLOOD IS THICKER THAN WATER! YOU'RE SAFER IF YOU DON'T TRUST AN INJUN!



THE SMUG DEVILS! AFTER ALL I'VE DONE, THEY'LL ONLY LOOK UPON ME AS AN INDIAN! I'LL BE ONE ALL THE WAY!

IT'S TOO LATE TO SEND REINFORCEMENTS, MEN! WE'LL HAVE TO BEAT THIS SIEGE!



AGAINST AN ARMY OF THOUSANDS? WE AIN'T GOT A CHANCE, MAJOR! WE'LL BE MASSACRED!

THEN WE'LL FIGHT 'EM TO THE DEATH! DOUBLE THE PATROLS, CAPTAIN!

YES, SIR!



MEANWHILE, AT THE BLACKFOOT CAMP DOC MASTERS, FRONTIER PHYSICIAN, COMPLETES A DELICATE OPERATION ON THE CHIEF'S SQUAW...

SHE'LL LIVE, GREY ROCK! WITH PLENTY OF SLEEP AND REST, A HEALTHY WOMAN WILL SOON BE TAKING CARE OF YOUR LODGE!

AS EYER, CHIEF OF BLACKFOOT TRIBE IS GRATEFUL TO PALEFACE DOCTOR! YOU ARE GOOD FRIEND OF RED MAN!



DOESN'T LOOK LIKE YOU'RE A FRIEND OF THE SETTLERS, WITH ALL THEM PAINTED UP WARRIORS POURIN' INTO CAMP! WHAT'S UP?

TROUBLE, MY FRIEND! MORE PALEFACES COME WEST EVERY YEAR!

TAKE LAND... SHOOT GAME! INDIAN STARVE... MUST FIGHT NOW OR NEVER!



BUT YOU CAN'T STOP THE SETTLERS! KILL ONE AN' A DOZEN'LL TAKE HIS PLACE! GOOD MEN WILL DIE ON BOTH SIDES AN' NOTHIN'LL BE CHANGED!

NO! WE SHALL NOT FAIL! GO, WHITE DOCTOR! MY BRAVES WILL ESCORT YOU FROM MY TERRITORY IN SAFETY...



TWO HOURS LATER...

MORE BLACKFOOT BRAVES! GREY ROCK MUST BE COLLECTIN' THOUSANDS! THE BLACK RIDER BETTER SWING INTO ACTION!

BE WARNED, FRIEND... DO NOT GO TO FORT NOBLE... FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT IT IS DOOMED!

FAREWELL, FRIENDS! I KNOW THE WAY TO FORT NOBLE!



BUT AS DOC MASTERS COMPLETES HIS TRANSFORMATION TO THE FAMED BLACK RIDER...

WITHIN AND WITHOUT? DOES HE MEAN THERE ARE TRAITORS IN FORT NOBLE? WE'D BETTER REACH THE FORT, SATAN, BEFORE THE GARRISON IS STABBED IN THE BACK!



BUT HOURS LATER, AT DAWN...

SATAN! FASTER! THERE'S A BLACKFOOT WAR PARTY AHEAD! WE'LL HAVE TO RUN THE GAUNTLET!

A PALEFACE! HE RIDES TOWARD FORT NOBLE! KILL HIM!



MEANWHILE, A DAWN PATROL FROM FORT NOBLE IS NEARBY...

THE WOODS ARE FULL OF BLACKFEET! THE ONLY PATH OF ESCAPE LIES SOUTH! RIDE QUICKLY! I WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THE REAR!

THANKS, JIM THUNDERHEAD! AFTER THE INSULTS YOU TOOK LAST NIGHT, IT'S MIGHTY WHITE OF YOU TO SAVE OUR NECKS! C'MON, FELLERS!



RIDE TO YOUR DOOM, PALESKINNED GNOBS! TOO GOOD FOR ME BECAUSE MY MOTHER WAS A BLACKFOOT! VERY WELL... IF I'M NOT ACCEPTABLE AS PART INDIAN, I'LL BE ALL INDIAN!

MINUTES LATER...

YIIIEE!

GREAT GUNS! WE'RE SURROUNDED! THAT BACK-BITIN' HALF-BREED LED US INTO AN AMBUSH!

JIM THUNDERHEAD IS WITH US! HE SENT THE PATROL TO THEIR DEATHS...KILL! KILL!

BUT SHORTLY AFTER...

LOOKS LIKE A SKIRMISH AHEAD! IT'S A PATROL FROM FORT NOBLE TRAPPED BY BLACKFEET! MOVE IN ON 'EM, SATAN!

LOOK! PALEFACE RIDER APPROACHES!

BY THE GREAT SPIRIT! HE KILLS LIKE A DEMON OF DEATH! RUN! RUN!

SERGEANT, MAKE A BREAK FOR IT WHILE THEY'RE STILL DEMORALIZED! RIDE FOR YOUR LIVES!

YOU BET! WOULDN'T HAVE MUCH LIFE LEFT IN US, IF YOU HADN'T COME ALONG!

WE'RE SAFE! THEY CAN'T CATCH UP WITH US!

THAT DOUBLE-CROSSIN' HALF-BREED SPY! I HOPE HE'S AT THE FORT WHEN WE GET BACK! HE LED US INTO THIS AMBUSH!

A SPY EH? THAT EXPLAINS THAT "ENEMY FROM WITHIN" TALK FROM DOC'S BLACK-FOOT ESCORT!

AN HOUR LATER, AT FORT NOBLE...

I KNEW JIM THUNDERHEAD WAS NO GOOD! NOW HE'S PROVEN IT! LIEUTENANT, INSPECT ALL EQUIPMENT TO SEE IF THE HALF-BREED DID ANY MISCHIEF BEFORE HE LEFT!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT, MAJOR...JIM THUNDERHEAD IS SO HONEST AND LOYAL! WHAT MADE HIM DO A THING LIKE THIS?

BECAUSE YOU CAN'T TRUST AN INJUN, EVEN IF HE HAD A WHITE FATHER! THE NERVE OF THE RASCAL! HE WANTED TO BELONG AMONG US!

SO THAT'S WHY JIM WENT HAYWIRE AND BETRAYED THE FORT! YOU REJECTED AND INSULTED HIM!

MAJOR! COME QUICK! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED!



THE ROTTEN HALF-BREED NOT ONLY GOT THE DROP ON US AN' RUINED OUR GUNPOWDER AND AMMUNITION, BUT I HEARD HIM SAY HE WAS SPOILIN' THE FOOD, TOO!



YOU CAN'T TAKE A BLACK-FOOT SIEGE NOW, MAJOR... YOU'LL BE OUT OF FOOD AND AMMUNITION IN A MATTER OF DAYS!

THE SCOUNDREL! IF I HAD HIM HERE NOW, I'D HAVE HIM PULLED APART BY WILD HORSES!



THAT'S WHY HE BETRAYED YOU, MAJOR! HE GENSED YOUR HATRED! YOU WOULDN'T ACCEPT HIM AS A HUMAN BEING!

IT'S TOO LATE FOR REGRETS! BLACK RIDER! WHERE ARE YOU GOING? AREN'T YOU GOING TO HELP US FIGHT OFF THE ATTACK?



YES, IN ANOTHER WAY! SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO TURN THE BLACK-FOOT ARMY BACK NOW THAT THEY KNOW ABOUT JIM THUNDERHEAD'S SABOTAGE!

WE'RE GOOD AS DEAD! THE CHANCES OF ONE MAN... EVEN IF HE IS THE BLACK RIDER... TURNING THE TIDE OF BATTLE, ARE A MILLION TO ONE!



LATER, AFTER THE BLACK RIDER AGAIN BECOMES DOC MASTERS...

ONLY DOC MASTERS CAN GET THRU THEIR LINES...!

HOLD YOUR FIRE, PARDS! I'M COMIN' BACK WITH HERB MEDICINE FOR THE CHIEF'S SQUAW!

LET HIM PASS! THIS PALE-FACE IS A FRIEND OF OUR CHIEF!



HMMM... THINGS ARE GOIN' TO POP SOON, ICHABOD! THEM INJUNS ARE GATHERIN' INTO ONE SOLID ARMY! PEACE, RED BROTHERN!

IT IS GREY ROCK'S PALEFACE FRIEND! LET HIM THRU!



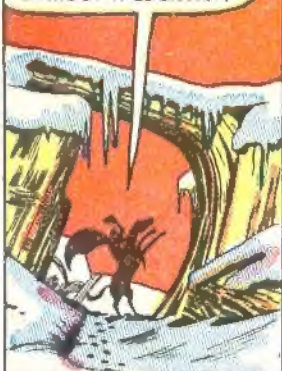
BUT AN HOUR LATER, AS DOC MAKES A DETOURING SHORT CUT...

OHhhh... LET ME DIE, O GREAT SPIRIT! MY SOUL IS WEARY! I HAVE NO REASON TO LIVE!

LOOK, ICHABOD! IT'S JIM THUNDERHEAD, THE HALF-BREED! THE BLACKFEET HAVE STRIPPED HIM AND LEFT HIM TO DIE OF EXPOSURE!

MOMENTS LATER...CHANGE
MIRACULOUS! DOC MASTERS
AGAIN BECOMES THE
INVINCIBLE BLACK RIDER!

LOOKS LIKE JIM'S BLACK-
FOOT BLOOD BROTHERS
DON'T WANT HIM, EITHER!
POOR DEVIL, HE'S A MAN
WITHOUT A COUNTRY!



THE BLACK RIDER!
NO... DO NOT FREE
ME! I DO NOT WANT
TO LIVE NOW,
REJECTED BY
BOTH RED MAN
AND WHITE! CUT
MY THROAT, NOT
MY BONDS!



SILENCE! WE HAVE
A JOB TO DO...
YOU'RE GOING
TO MAKE UP
FOR YOUR
TREACHERY!

NO! I HAVE NO LIFE!
NO PEOPLE! I THOUGHT
DESTROYING FORT
NOBLE WOULD MAKE
ME ACCEPTABLE TO
THE BLACKFEET,
BUT THEY
REMEMBERED
MY YEARS AS
A PALEFACE
SCOUT AND
LEFT ME HERE
TO DIE!



YOU WON'T
DIE, JIM!
YOU'LL
LIVE! YOU'LL
HELP SAVE
FORT
NOBLE!

WHAT'S THE USE? NO-
BODY WANTS OR
RESPECTS ME! I'VE
NO PLACE IN LIFE!
NEITHER WITH
RED MAN OR
SETTLERS!

YOU MUST STOP
THINKING ABOUT
YOURSELF NOW, JIM!
YOU'VE GOT TO THINK OF
OTHER LIVES! SNAP OUT
OF IT!



I'VE GOT A PLAN TO PREVENT USELESS BLOOD-
SHED ON BOTH SIDES! WORK WITH ME AND YOU'LL
START LIFE AGAIN IN ANOTHER SETTLEMENT!
GOOD SCOUTS ARE RARER THAN GOLD!



TO YOU, YES, BUT NOT
TO THE REST OF
HUMANITY!

PEOPLE DON'T THINK! THEY
JUST HATE! AND THEY HATE
ME! NOTHING I DO CAN
MAKE IT GOOD...

WE'LL TALK ABOUT
THAT LATER! NOW
WE'VE GOT TO
PICK A SPOT
ALONG THE
BLACKFOOT WAR
ROUTE WHERE WE
CAN START A SNOW
AVALANCHE THAT
MIGHT STOP
GREY ROCK!



FOR 24 HOURS, THE TWO MEN LABOR, PREPARING A
SNOWY BARRIER AGAINST MASSACRE...

IT'S DONE NOW, JIM! A FEW
STROKES OF A SHARP
KNIFE AND WE CAN
SEAL THE ENTIRE WAR
PARTY IN THE CANYON!



GREY ROCK'S
WARRIORS ENTER
THE CANYON!
LOOK... THOUSANDS
THIRSTING FOR
PALEFACE
SCALPS!

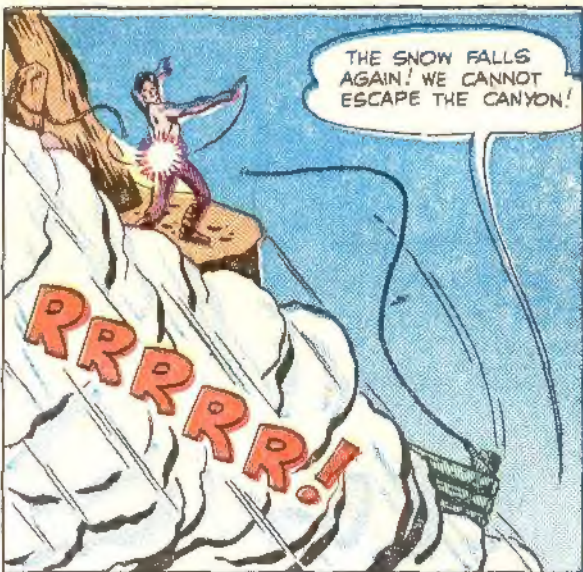


BUT MINUTES LATER...

NOW SEAL OFF THE END PART OF THE CANYON, JIM! WHILE I TALK TO GREY ROCK!

GET BACK! A SNOW AVALANCHE!

ARGHH!



THE SNOW FALLS AGAIN! WE CANNOT ESCAPE THE CANYON!

RRRRRR!



GREY ROCK! HEED MY WARNING! UNLESS YOU TAKE A SOLEMN OATH TO ABANDON WAR AND DISPERSE YOUR ARMY, I WILL LOOSE THE AVALANCHE THAT WILL DROWN YOUR MEN IN SNOW!

YOU LEAVE ME NO ALTERNATIVE, BLACK GARBED ONE! MY MEN'S LIVES COME BEFORE STUBBORNNESS! I SWEAR BY THE GREAT SPIRIT TO STOP THIS WAR!



SUDDENLY AS THE BLACK RIDER TURNS TRIUMPHANTLY TO HIS COMPANION...

WE DID IT, JIM! WE--JIM! NO! DON'T JUMP!

FAREWELL, BLACK RIDER! I DID YOUR BIDDING! I'VE PAID FOR MY MISTAKE BY SAVING THE LIVES OF OTHERS! NOW I DISPOSE OF MY OWN LIFE!

EEEEAAA!



AND AS MANY RED-HUED FEET TRAMP BY A LIFELESS FORM...

POOR JIM! HE TOOK THE ONLY WAY OUT HE KNEW! HE TRIED TO SOLVE HIS PROBLEM BY DESTROYING HIMSELF! BUT THAT'S NOT THE SOLUTION! THIS WAY ONLY PREJUDICE WINS...



BUT MONTHS LATER, ON THE PLAINS IN FRONT OF FORT NOBLE...

LET THERE BE MANY YEARS OF PEACE BETWEEN US, MAJOR!

NOW YOU HAVEN'T DIED IN VAIN, JIM! YOU SEE, I EXPLAINED TO THEM WHY YOU DIED AND THEY UNDERSTOOD! THEY NOW KNOW THAT ALL MEN MUST STAND TOGETHER IN PEACE... AGAINST EVIL, TYRANNY, AND THE PREJUDICE THAT KILLS!

IN MEMORY OF OUR GREAT FRONTIER SCOUT JIM THUNDERHEAD

THE END

DUSTY DEATH

JEFF TRACY looked down at the rawhide thongs that bound his hands to the saddle-pommel of the deep-barreled palomino. Then he looked up at his captor, Kent Remington, who had trailed him halfway across the rocky hills of Arizona to bring him back to justice. Kent, whose father had been killed in that bank holdup at Choctaw Creek, had sworn to bring Jeff Tracy in — dead or alive — and now Remington rode ahead of him, wounded in a gunfight with some of Tracy's men, and weak from loss of blood.

The blazing sun threw up waves of heat from the desert sand that blurred your vision and seemed to make the cactus dance. Jeff Tracy tried to ease his raw wrists, and finally he called out to Remington who looked as if he were asleep in the saddle.

"Hey — lawman! How about easing these thongs up a little? They're killing me."

Remington looked at him suspiciously from under five days' growth of beard. Then he looked at the clump of trees ahead and answered:

"We'll stop there awhile and grab a bite to eat and a sip of water. Then I'll handcuff you for awhile and rest your wrists."

They rode up to the oasis. Remington untied his prisoner and handcuffed the man to himself. Jeff watched him carefully.

The lawman was badly hurt, and he wondered if the strenuous trip through the desert might not finish him. He studied the packs that the horses carried. Food enough for at least another week, and there were two waterbags — nearly empty now but they had enough to last for a couple of days. Maybe if Remington fell asleep he could do something.

They ate and drank sparingly. Remington eyed his prisoner with an ironic look on his face. "I know what you're thinking Tracy," he said. "You're figuring I won't last to take you in to Choctaw Creek. Well maybe — maybe I won't, but you'll never escape the justice you deserve."

Jeff Tracy said nothing, but he had to turn his face to keep Remington from seeing his smile. He whispered through his cracked lips. "Gimme a little more of that water."

"We haven't got enough. We'll have to take it easy," said Remington.

"You got enough in the other waterbags," insisted Jeff. "We ain't touched them since we stopped in Palo Canyon."

"That," answered Jeff, "is for the long trip back."

Jeff Tracy started to settle back against the tree to rest, but Remington jerked him to his feet by the handcuffs.

"C'mon. We haven't got time to rest. We've got to keep moving."

"But I'm tired," complained Jeff. "And — and you need rest."

Remington started to say something, but Jeff could see that he was breathing hard. The lawman hesitated and then gave in. "Well maybe you're right," he said. "I should get a little rest." He settled down against the same tree at right angles to Tracy, and held his gun in his right hand. "But don't get any crazy ideas," he said softly, "because you'll never get out of this desert alive." He patted his .45. "And if I should die before I get you to Choctaw Creek, I'll drag you down from beyond the grave."

Jeff Tracy licked his dried lips and averted his gaze from Remington. He'd always been a superstitious cuss, and he hated talk of that kind.

He sat there quietly trying to figure some way of getting Remington before he got ready to leave again. It was almost impossible to do anything tied down to the pommel of a saddle, but here at close range to the weakened man there might be a chance. Remington's head started to nod, and the spark of hope flared in Jeff's breast. If he fell asleep there was the possibility that he could get the man's gun.

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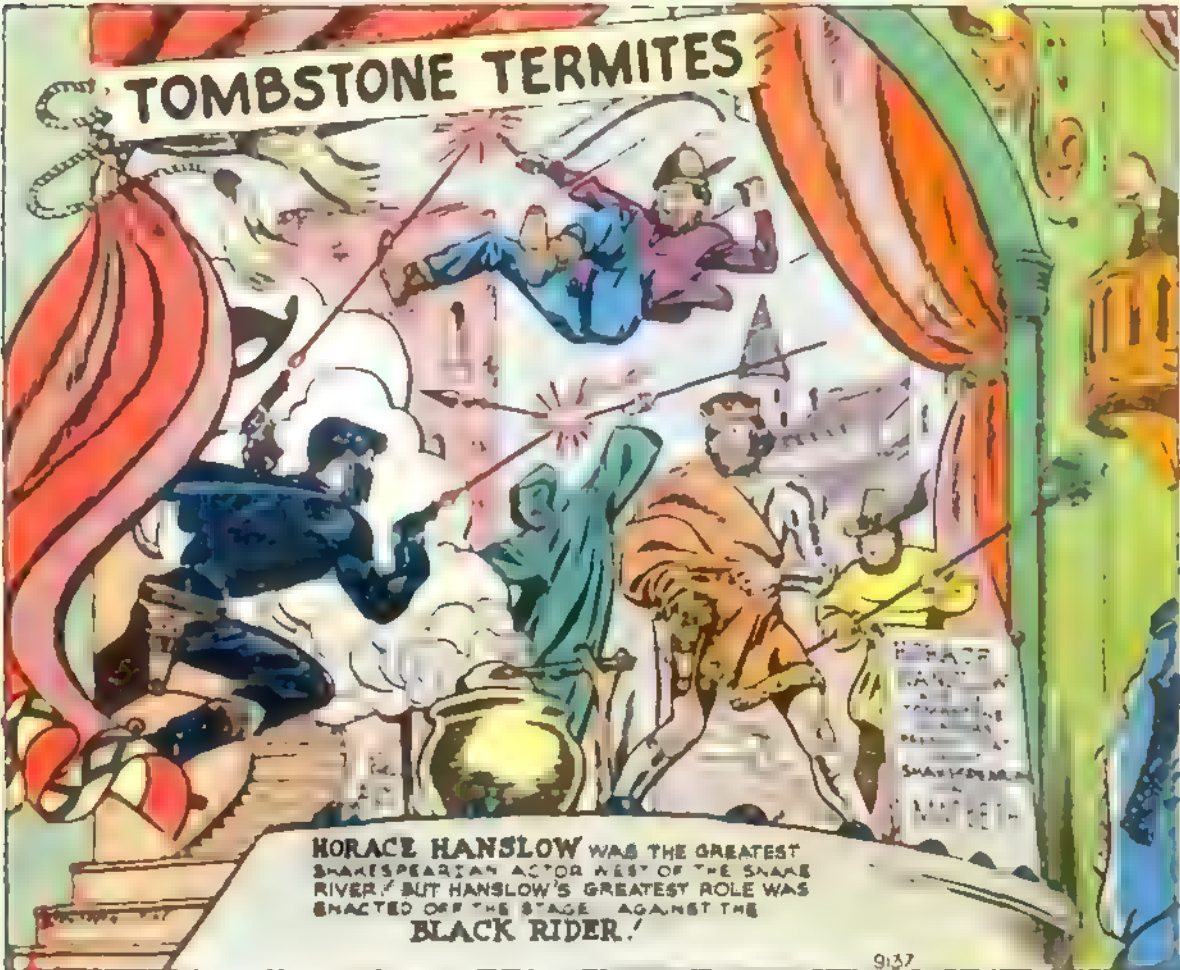
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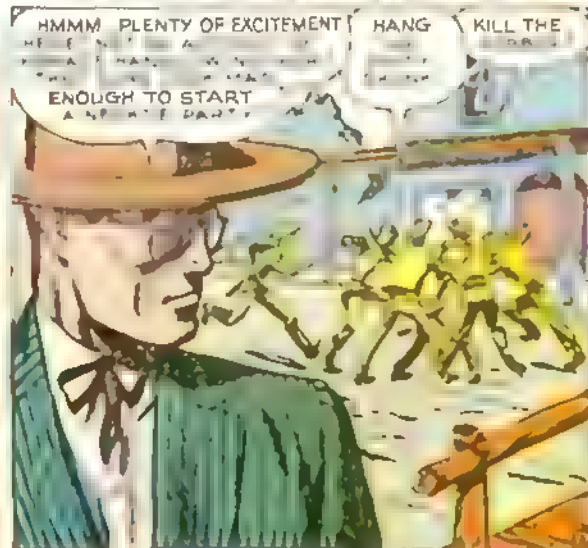
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AS DOC MASTERS, WILDERNESS HEALER, PAUSES OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF LOCUST GLEN

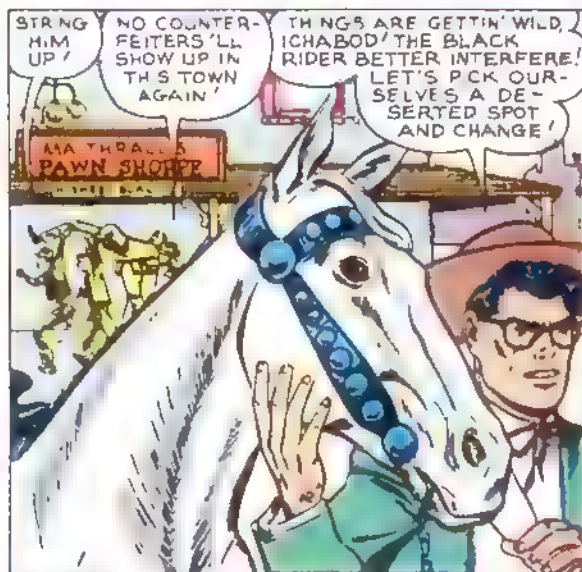
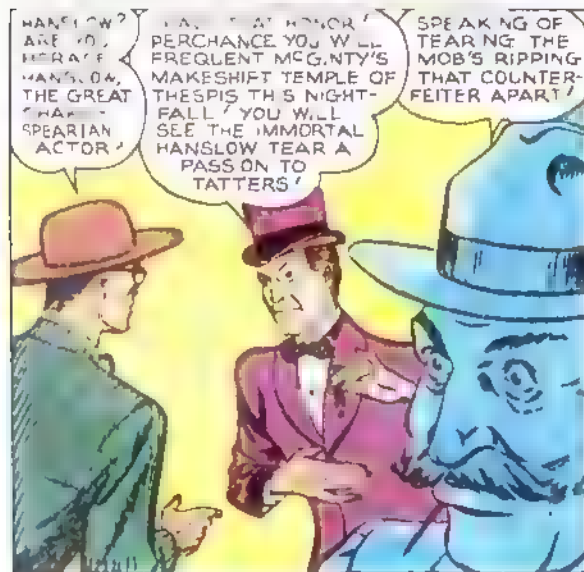
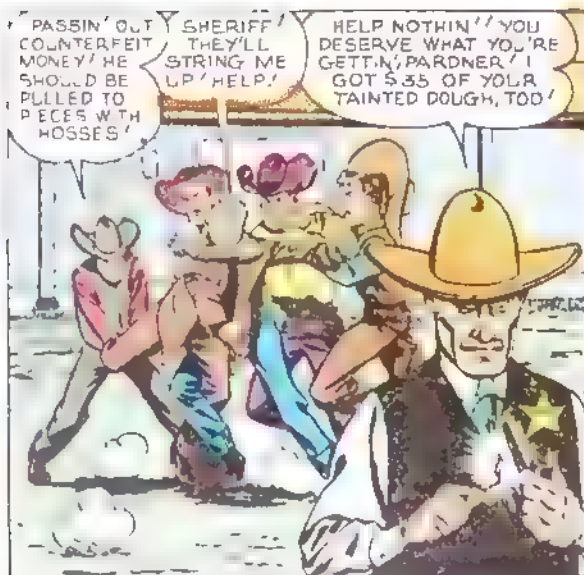


HMM, I'VE SEEN A SHAKESPEARIAN PLAY AND HE TOLD WAS A GOOD MAN. I'VE SEEN A SHAKESPEARIAN PLAY AND HE TOLD WAS A GOOD MAN. I'VE SEEN A SHAKESPEARIAN PLAY AND HE TOLD WAS A GOOD MAN.

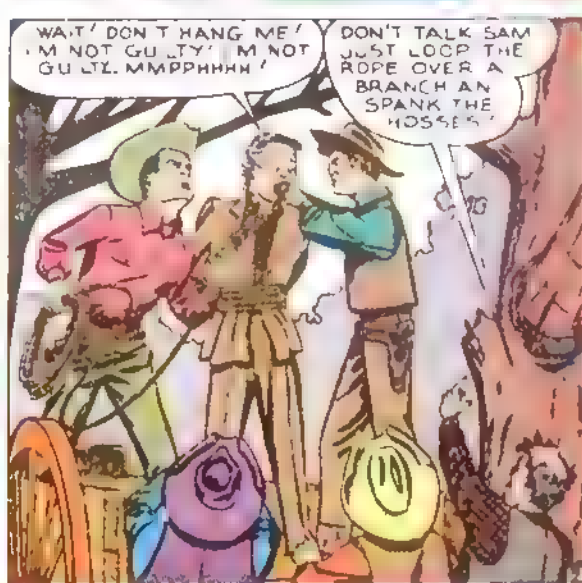
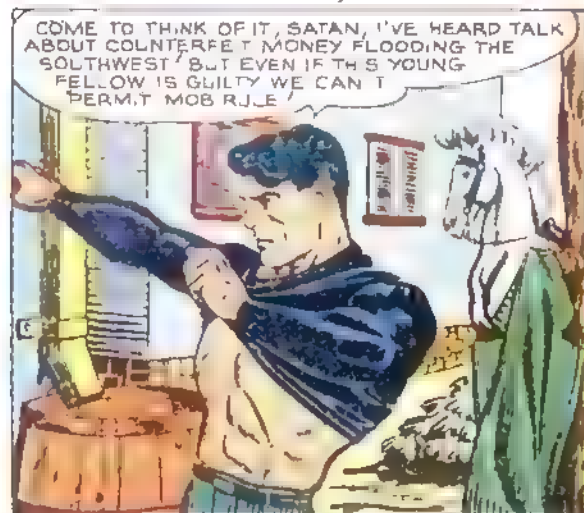
BUT AS THE MASTERS ENTER THE TOWN



HMMM, PLENTY OF EXCITEMENT! HANG ON! KILL THE BLACK RIDER! ENOUGH TO START A PARTY!



MOMENTS LATER, TRANSFORMATION ASTOUNDING! DOC MASTERS/BORDER SAWBONES, BECOMES THAT FRONTIER FEARED NEMESIS OF EVIL, THE BLACK RIDER!



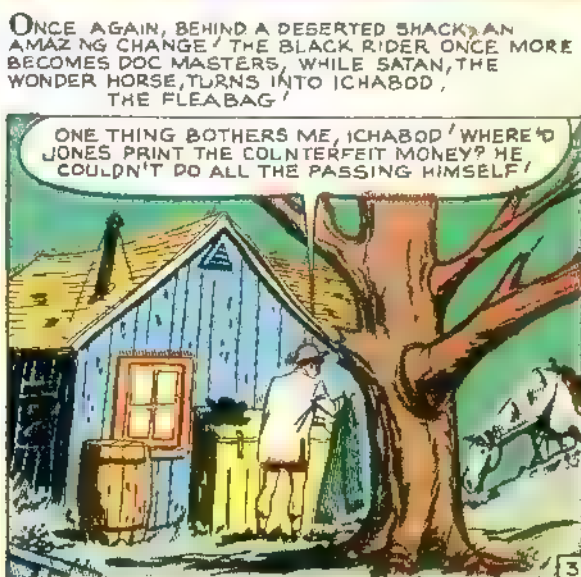
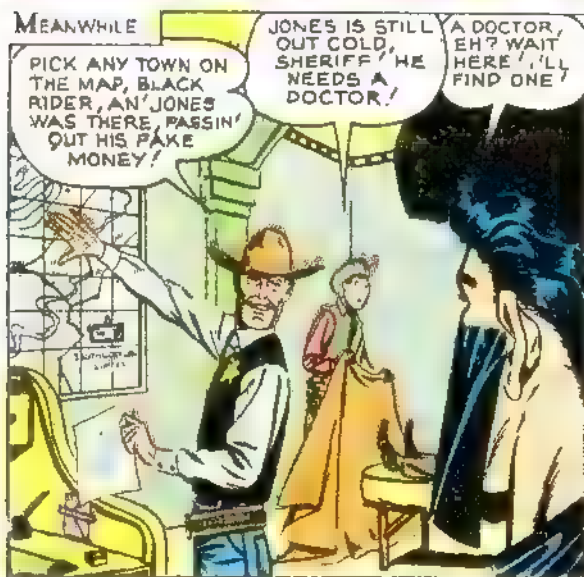
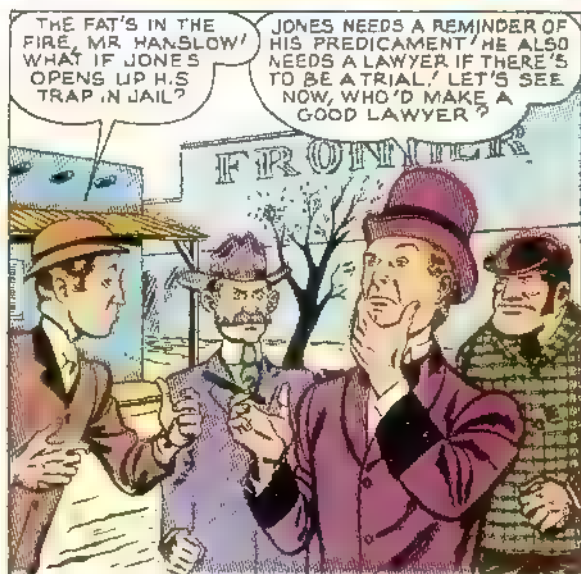
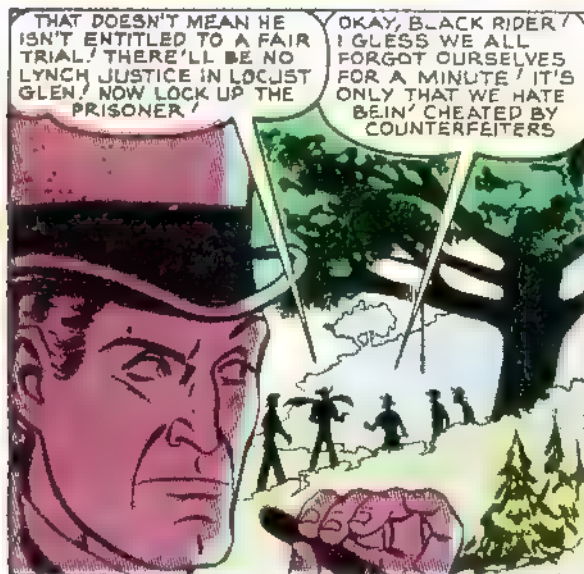
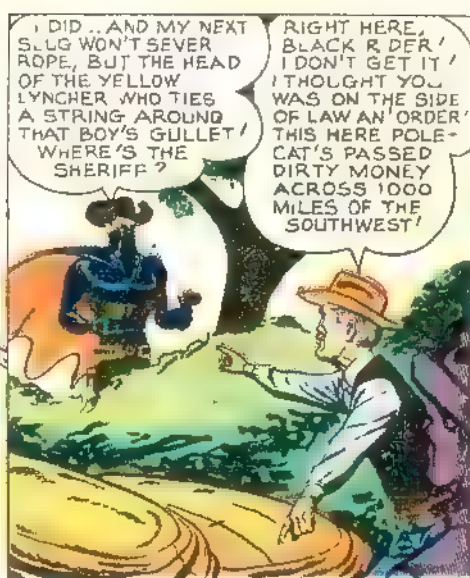


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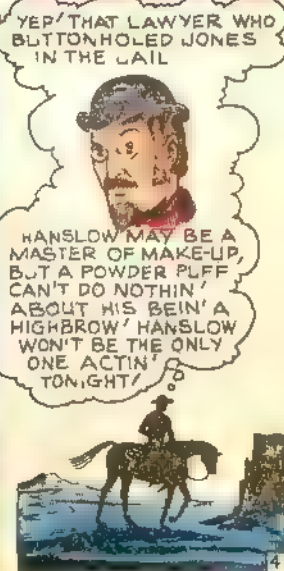
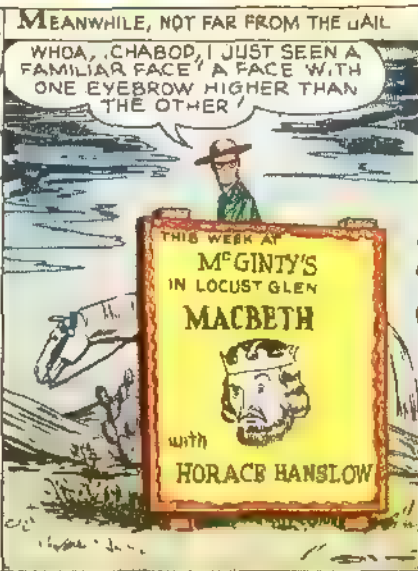
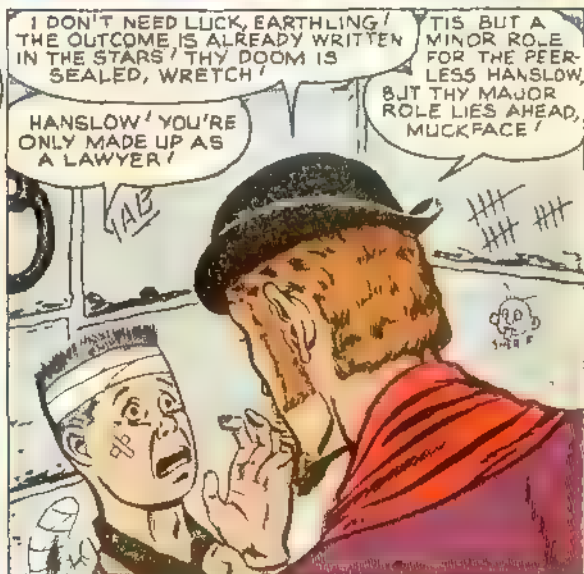
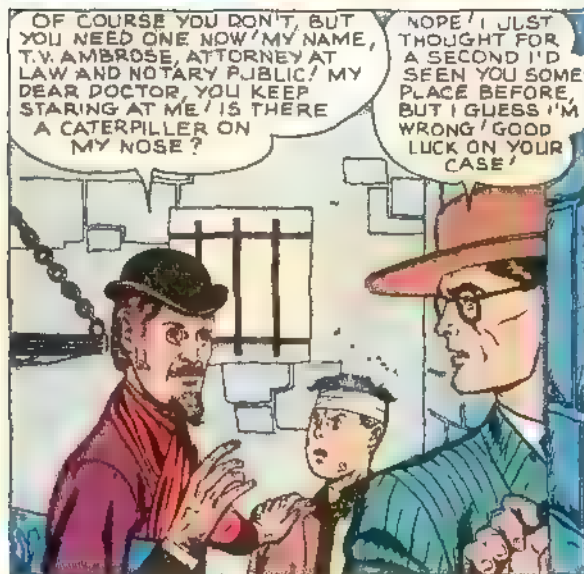
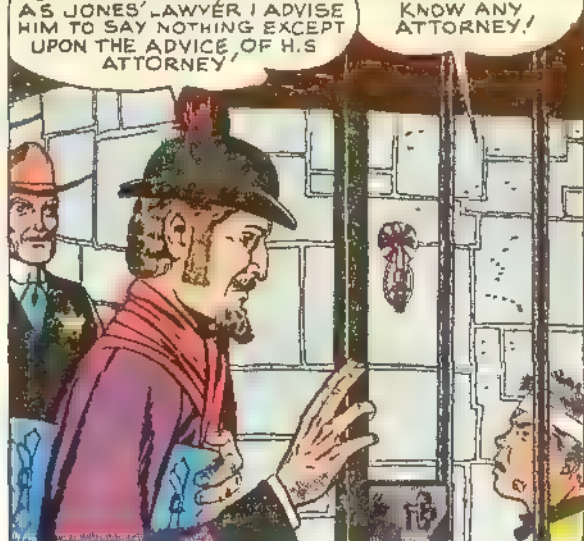
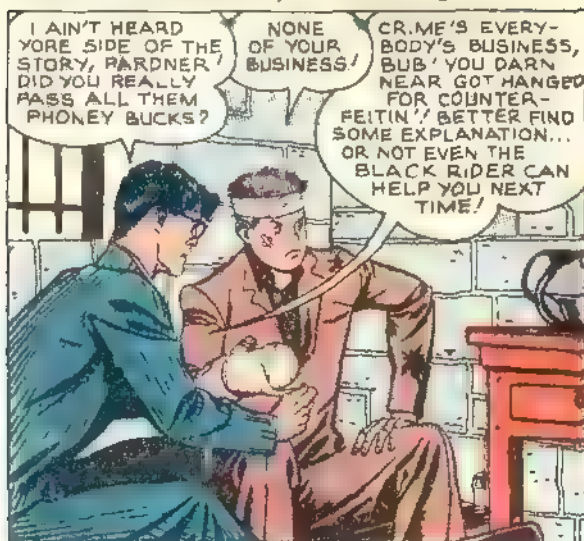
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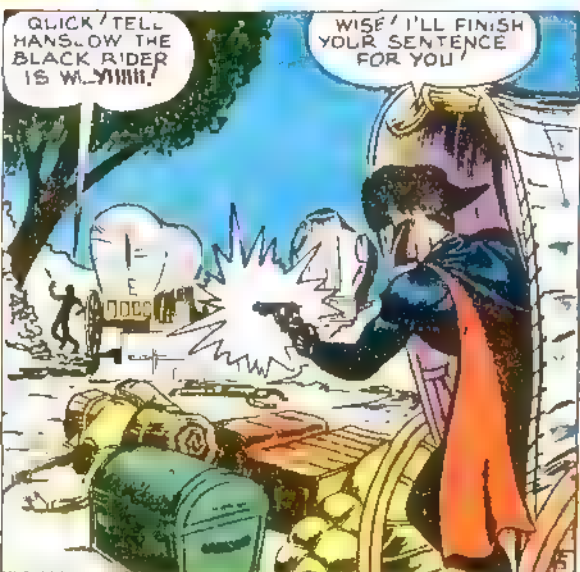
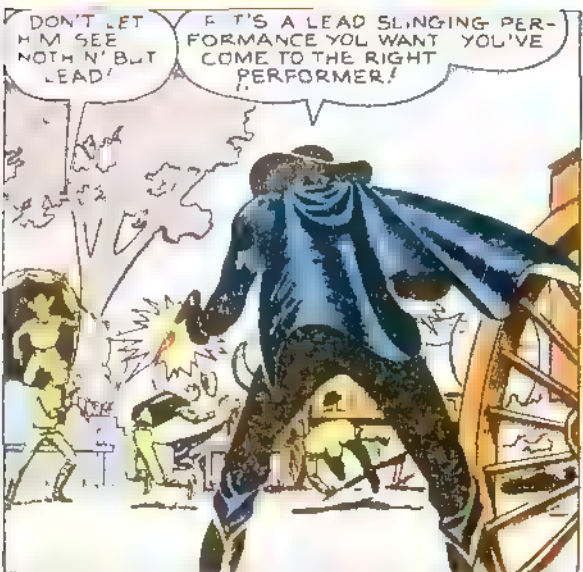
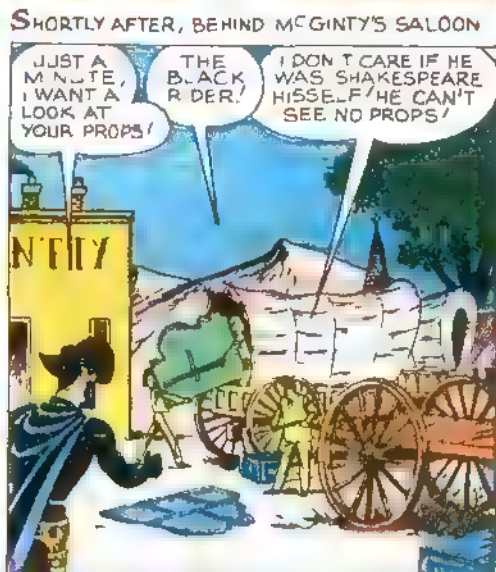
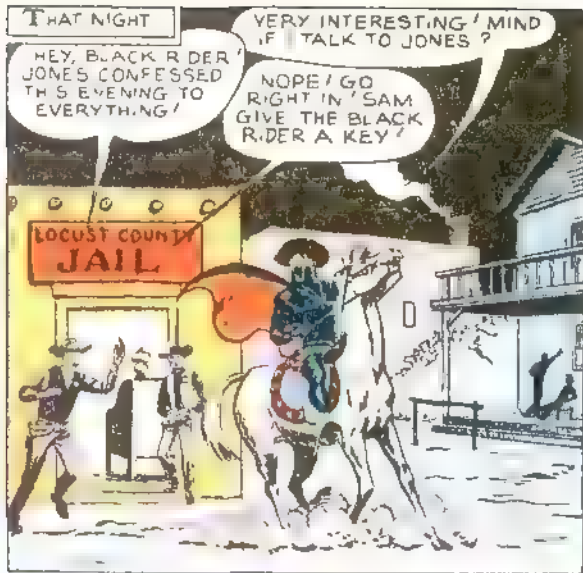
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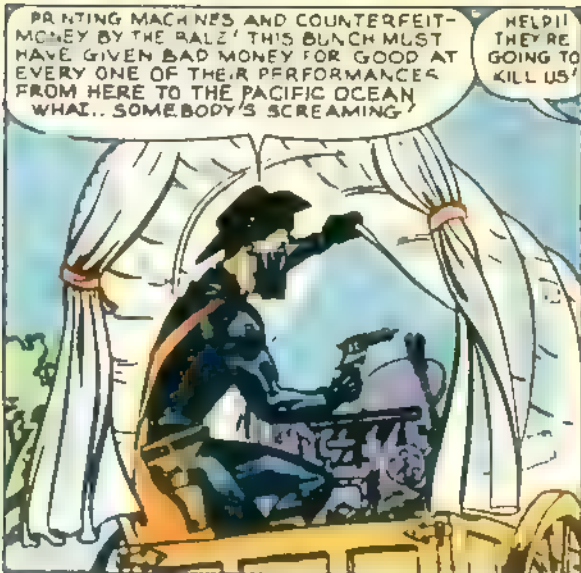


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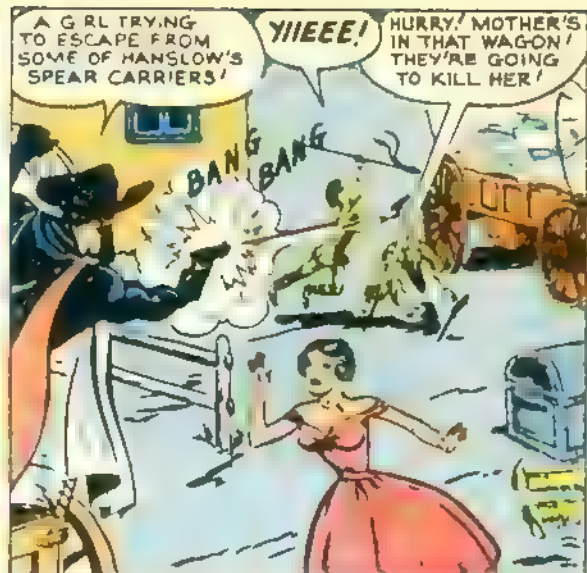






PRINTING MACHINES AND COUNTERFEIT-MONEY BY THE PALZ! THIS BUNCH MUST HAVE GIVEN BAD MONEY FOR GOOD AT EVERY ONE OF THEIR PERFORMANCES FROM HERE TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. WHAT... SOMEBODY'S SCREAMING!

HELP!! THEY'RE GOING TO KILL US!



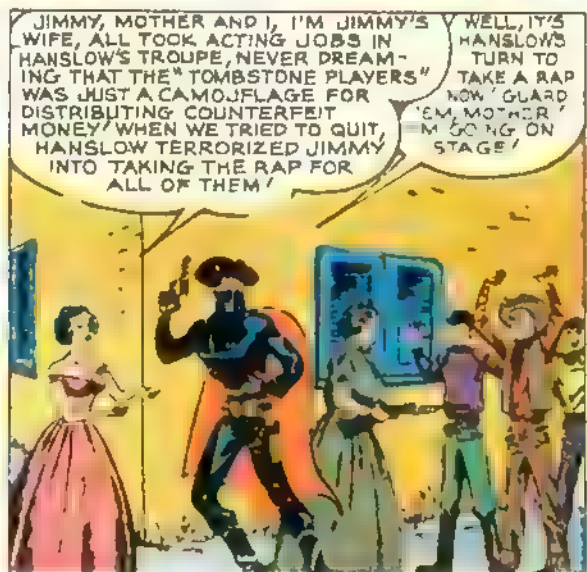
A GRL TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM SOME OF HANSLOW'S SPEAR CARRIERS! YIIIEE! HURRY! MOTHER'S IN THAT WAGON! THEY'RE GOING TO KILL HER!



THEY WERE HOLDING US AS HOSTAGES TO MAKE SURE JIM WOULDN'T TELL THE TRUTH!

ALL THEY'LL HOLD NOW ARE LILLIES UNLESS THEY SURRENDER!

DON'T SHOOT! WE'VE SEEN ENOUGH! YOU GOT US!



JIMMY, MOTHER AND I, I'M JIMMY'S WIFE, ALL TOOK ACTING JOBS IN HANSLOW'S TROUPE, NEVER DREAMING THAT THE "TOMBSTONE PLAYERS" WAS JUST A CAMOJFLAGE FOR DISTRIBUTING COUNTERFEIT MONEY! WHEN WE TRIED TO QUIT, HANSLOW TERRORIZED JIMMY INTO TAKING THE RAP FOR ALL OF THEM!

WELL, IT'S HANSLOW'S TURN TO TAKE A RAP NOW! GUARD 'EM, MOTHER! I'M GOING ON STAGE!

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BUT THE BLACK RIDER FIGHTS FIRE WITH EVEN MORE FIRE!



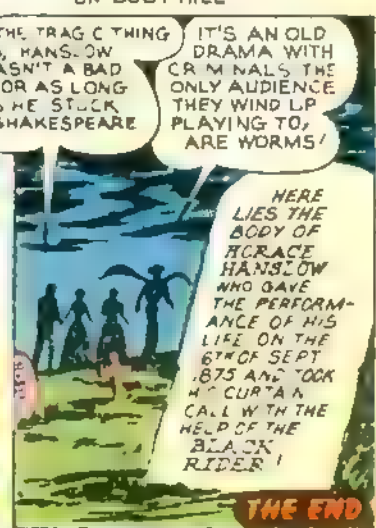
YIIIIII!

THIS SHOW REALLY LAYS 'EM IN THE AISLES!

THE TRAGIC THING IS, HANSLOW WASN'T A BAD ACTOR AS LONG AS HE STUCK TO SHAKESPEARE

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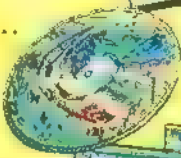


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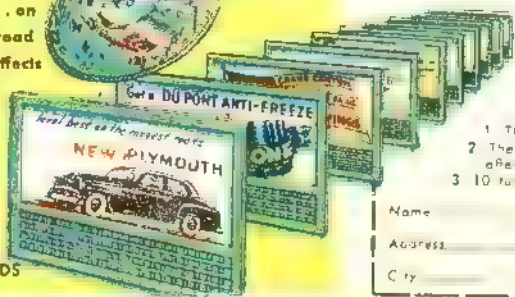
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opportunity had come, Kent Remington roused himself and herded Jeff back onto his mount. "Got — to — keep — going," he muttered. And Jeff knew that his captor's time was near. They kept moving through the rim-rock gutted desert, and the endlessness of it all was depressing. But they were still about a weeks journey from Choctaw Creek, and Jeff knew that at some time during that journey Remington would die and he would escape. His only worry was that Remington would live so long that the water supply in the canteen would be used up, and they would have to dig into the precious liquid reserves that remained in the two waterbags on the deputy's horse. Those Jeff needed for his own escape.

It would have to be soon, he kept telling himself. Perhaps the next time they made camp he would have the opportunity to kill his captor and make good his escape into the desert. Maybe he'd even change clothes with the lawman so that when they found the bones that were left they'd think he died. He smiled at his own flash of brilliance and determined that when he got rid of Kent Remington, that was just what he would do.

It got dark quickly in the desert, and Jeff Tracy had no eye for the flaming beauty that filled the sky just before the darkness rolled over it like a blanket. He was surveying the area where Kent Remington was pitching the camp for the night. He noted a rock pear the fire that seemed as if it would be the right size, and he planned to pretend that he would like to sleep close to the fire because it was cold.

It worked and the two men

lay down by the fire. Jeff knew that with a little wriggling and rolling—he would pretend to be having a nightmare—he could get his hands on that rock.

Remington had his gun in his right hand, and was handcuffed to Jeff with his left. Soon he started to snore fitfully, as a man does when he is completely exhausted.

Jeff started to sigh and groan, pretending he was asleep, he reached out with his free hand toward the fire and grabbed for the rock. It was hot and he had to let it go, but he started moving it away from the fire. After a while he could hold it. He



raised it in his left hand and prepared to crash it down on Remington's head.

Remington woke with an intuitive start and saw the rock about to descend. He fired and the bullet caught Jeff in the left shoulder, but the rock kept coming and he crumpled under the blow.

With a hoarse shout of glee Jeff went through the deputy's pockets, found the cuff keys and freed himself. He took Remington's gun, and shot him three times as he lay there, defenseless, on the ground.

He was mad with joy and an-

ticipation as he changed clothes with the dead man. He spooked the horse he had been riding, took the other one with the provisions and rode off into the desert in the opposite direction from which they had been going.

Jeff Tracy sang at the top of his voice as he rode with the freedom of a liberated bird. Then the morning came and the hot desert sun beat down upon his back. He slowed his pace. He was thirsty, terribly thirsty, but he was determined to wait another hour before he took a sip of the precious life-giving liquid. It would have to last for a long time, and there was not much of it left. He looked down at the arm which had stopped bleeding now, and he loosened the improvised tourniquet he had applied. His thirst was too much for him, and he unsnugged the waterbag from the back of the saddle. He raised it to his lips and took a deep swallow.

"Ah-h-h-h!" his voice came out in a wretched scream.

He threw the waterbag to the ground with an angry violence, and clawed at the ropes holding the other one to the saddle. He tasted the water from that bag. Then he stood there shrieking and waving his fists at the sky. The irony, and the horrible fulfillment of a dead man's prophecy. Remington, knowing that he would not live out the trip across the desert, had outwitted him. During the last stop at Palo Canyon, he had filled the bags with salt—horrible, tongue-swelling salt. As Jeff Tracy went screaming madly out into the hot, burning desert, he knew that Kent Remington had indeed come back from beyond the grave to avenge his own, and his father's death!

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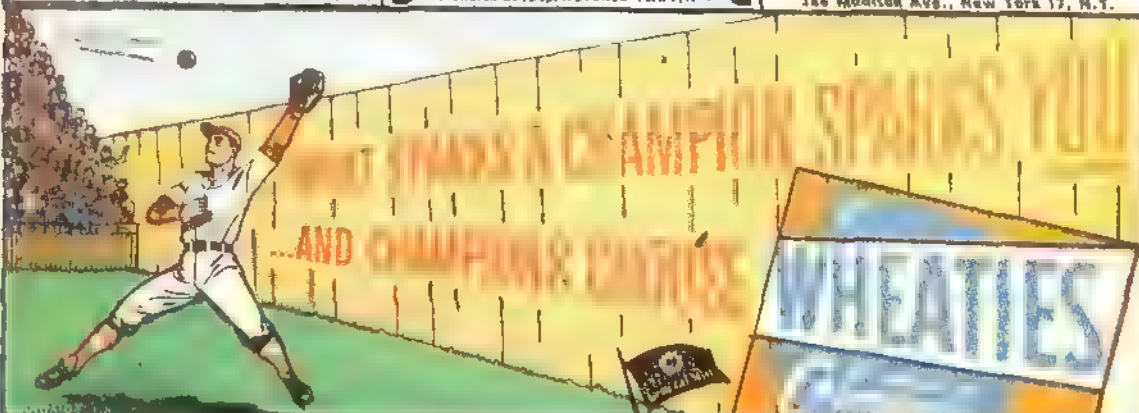
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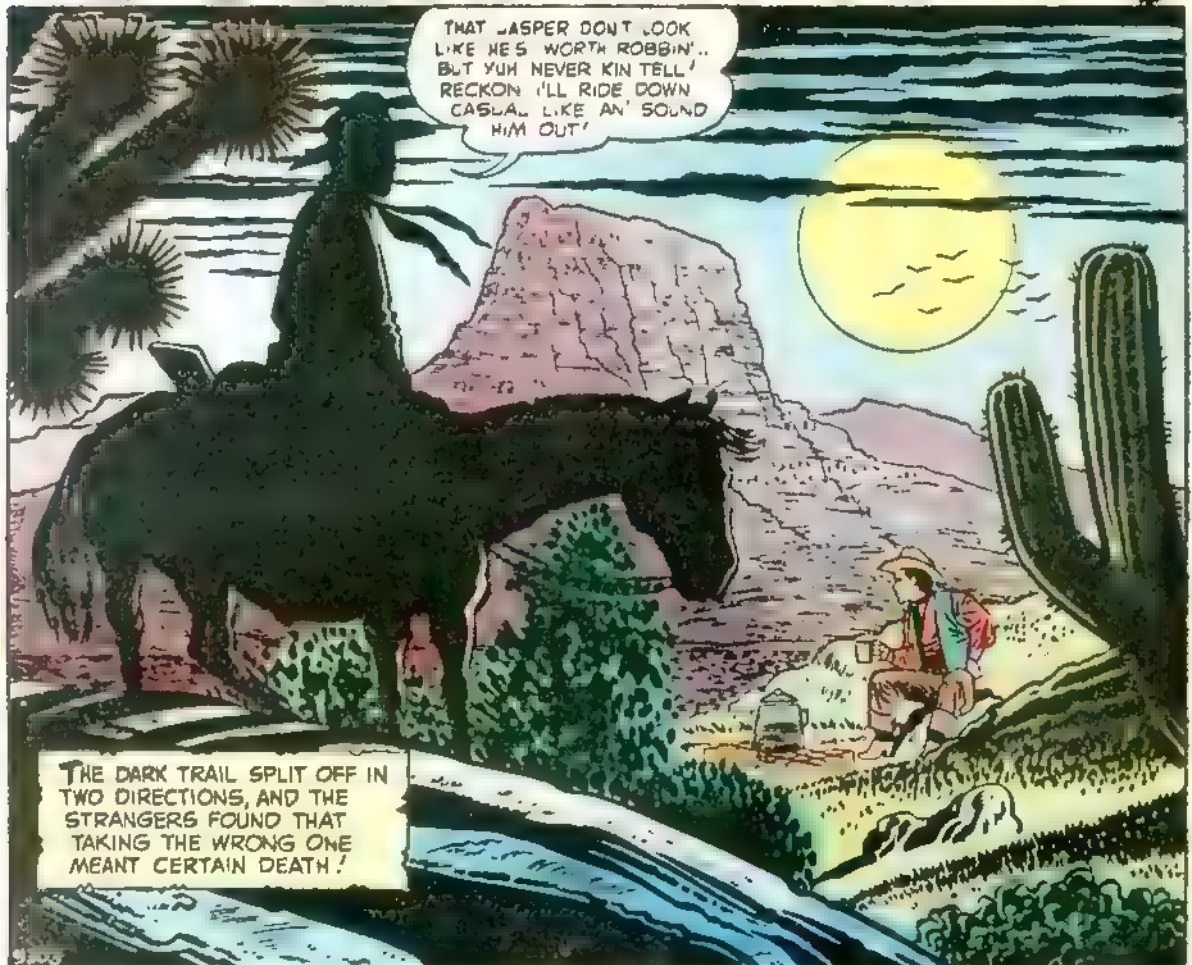
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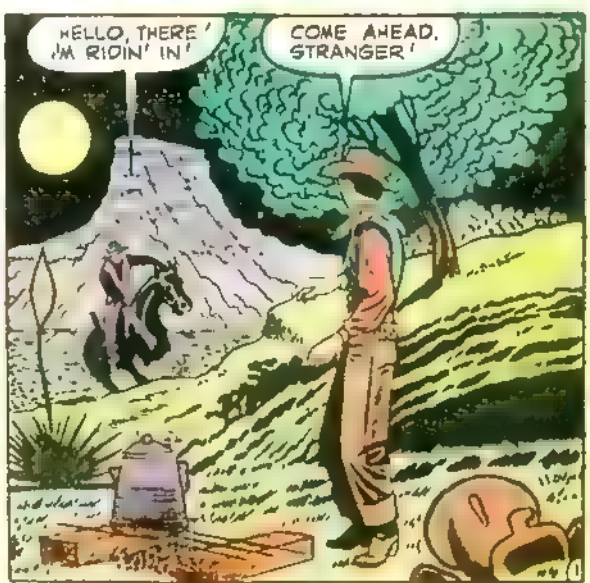


THAT JASPER DONT LOOK
LIKE HES WORTH ROBBIN'...
BUT YUH NEVER KIN TELL!
RECKON 'LL RIDE DOWN
CASUAL LIKE AN' SOUND
HIM OUT!

THE DARK TRAIL SPLIT OFF IN
TWO DIRECTIONS, AND THE
STRANGERS FOUND THAT
TAKING THE WRONG ONE
MEANT CERTAIN DEATH!

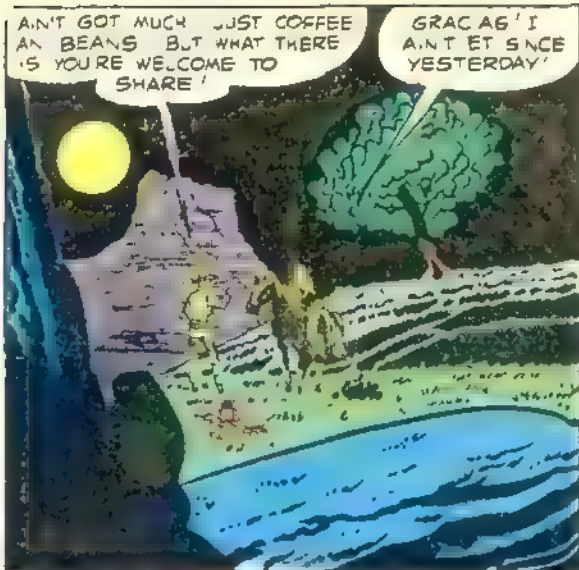


HE MIGHT BE ON THE DOOGS LIKE ME!
WE'LL SEE! IF I GET THE SMELL OF
ANYTHING WORTH WHILE I KIN KILL
HIM WHILE HE'S SLEEPN'!



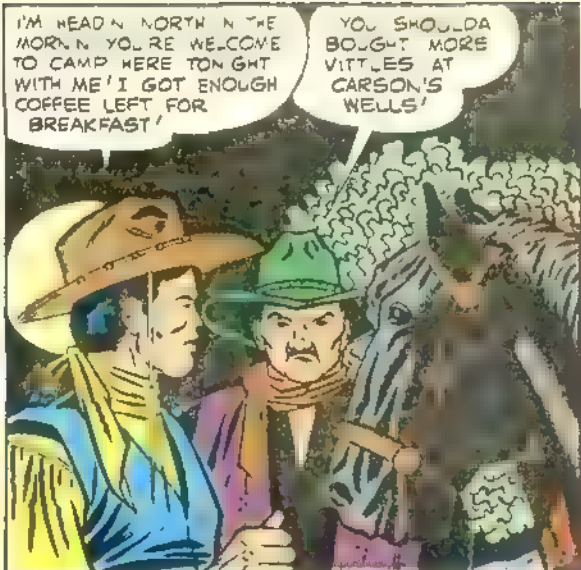
HELLO, THERE!
'I'M RIDIN' IN!

COME AHEAD,
STRANGER!



AINT GOT MUCH JUST COFFEE
AN BEANS BUT WHAT THERE
IS YOU'RE WELCOME TO
SHARE!

GRAC AS 'I
AINT ET SINCE
YESTERDAY'



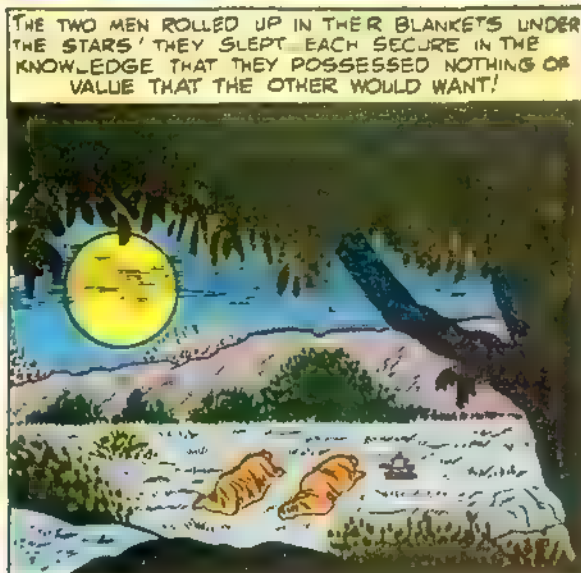
I'M HEAD N' NORTH N' THE
MORN N' YOU'RE WELCOME
TO CAMP HERE TONIGHT
WITH ME I GOT ENOUGH
COFFEE LEFT FOR
BREAKFAST!

YOU SHOULDA
BOUGHT MORE
VITTLES AT
CARSON'S
WELLS!



DIDNT HAVE THE
DINERO! FACT IS
I'M FLAT BROKE!

NO MONEY, AN' HIS
OUTFIT'S SHABBY! NOTHIN'
HERE WORTH STEALIN'!



THE TWO MEN ROLLED UP IN THEIR BLANKETS UNDER
THE STARS! THEY SLEPT EACH SECURE IN THE
KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY POSSESSED NOTHING OF
VALUE THAT THE OTHER WOULD WANT!



THE NEXT MORNING THEY BROKE CAMP!

I'M HEADIN' NORTH A-PECE! RANGE
DRID UP WHERE I WAS WORKIN'
AN' ALL US RIDERS WAS LET GO!
I WAS JUST ABOUT BROKE WHEN
I GOT A MESSAGE FROM MY
BROTHER TO COME UP HERE!
HE'S DOIN' RIGHT WELL I
RECKON!

I'LL RIDE
A-PIECE
WITH
YOU!



THEY RODE ALONG TOGETHER ALONG A DUSTY,
MEANDERING ROAD, UNTIL THEY CAME TO A FORK
IN THE ROAD!

NO SIGNPOST
AT THE FORK!

I'M HEAD N' FOR CALICO
CITY, SO I RECKON I'LL
TAKE THE LEFT FORK!

MY BROTHER SAID HIS PLACE
WAS EAST OF CALICO CITY, SO
I RECKON WE PART COMPANY
HERE... I'LL TAKE THE OTHER
FORK! HASTA LA VISTA, AMIGO!

LUCK,
KID!

SO THE TWO STRANGERS PARTED COMPANY AT THE
FORK IN THE ROAD! BLACKIE JOURNEYED ALONG,
AND THE TRAIL HE HAD CHOSEN BECAME
ROUGHER AS HE RODE!

DANG IT, RECKON I TOOK THE WRONG
FORK! THIS CAN'T BE THE ROAD
TO CALICO!

A CABIN... AN A MINE DUG IN THE
SIDE OF THE HILL! RECKON I'D BETTER
MOSEY UP, QUIET-LIKE, AN TAKE A
LOOK-SEE!

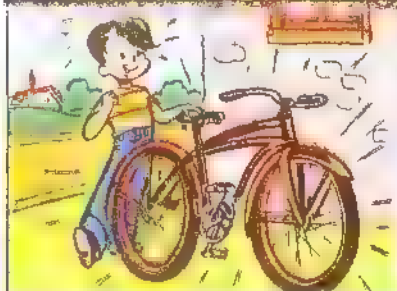
A MOMENT LATER BLACKIE'S EVIL, GREEDY EYES
PEERED THRU THE WINDOW OF THE CABIN!

GOLD! NUGGETS AM' DUST! HAH, I
RECKON I TOOK THE RIGHT FORK
IN THE ROAD AFTER ALL!

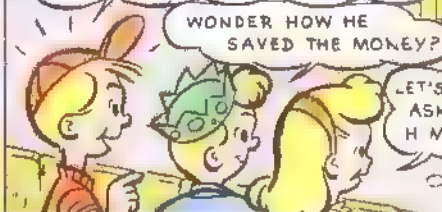
ARGGHH!

A NICE HAUL! I'LL SPLIT THE BREEZE AWAY
FROM HERE... CIRCLE AROUND AND COME
INTO CALICO CITY FROM THE OTHER SIDE!
NOBODY'LL KNOW WHERE THIS GOLD
CAME FROM!

HOW JIMMY GOT HIS NEW BIKE!



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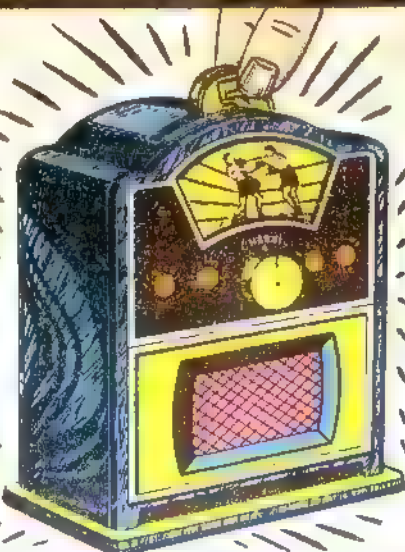
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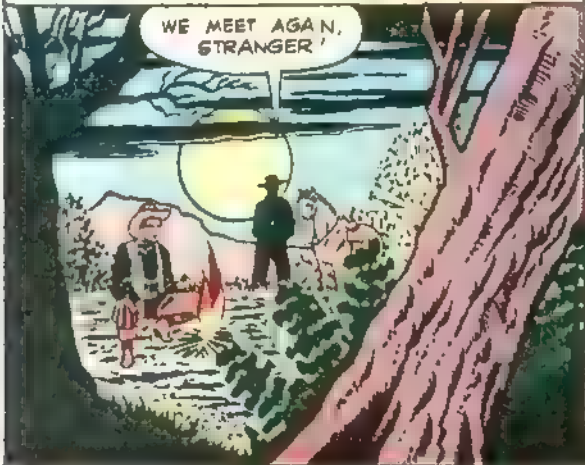
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NIGHT FOUND BLACKIE CAMPING MANY MILES FROM THE CABIN! HE SAT BEFORE HIS CAMPFIRE, HANDLING THE GLEAMING, PRECIOUS METAL HE HAD KILLED TO OBTAIN!



WE MEET AGAIN, STRANGER!

WHO THE...? OH, IT'S YOU, KID! FUNNY US MEETIN' AGAIN!

WHERE DID YUH GET THAT GOLD, BLACKIE? DON'T TRY TO HIDE IT!



SO YOU ARE ON THE DODGE LIKE ME! LOOK, KID, NO USE FOR GUYS LIKE US TO BE AT ODDS! I KNOCKED OVER A GUY LAST NIGHT AN' TOOK THIS POKE! I'LL SPLIT IT WITH YUH, AN' WE CAN TRAVEL TOGETHER! WHAT SAY?

JUST THIS! DRAW, YUH LOUSY SKUNK!



YUH WANT WHOLE-HOG, HUH? WAL, I'LL GIVE YUH A BELLYFUL OF LEAD... LIKE I PLANNED ANYWAY, YUH ARGHHH!

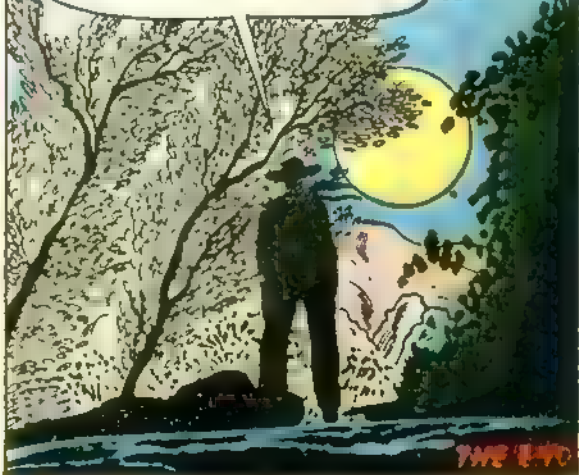


DO YUH HEAR ME, BLACKIE? I WANT YUH TO KNOW THIS FORE YUH CASH IN! I AIN'T NO OUTLAW OR ON THE DODGE, AN' I DON'T KILL YUH 'CAUSE I WANTED TO ROB YUH OF THE GOLD!

THEN... WHY... KID... WHY...?



'CAUSE THE MAN YOU KILLED LAST NIGHT WAS MY BROTHER! WE EACH TOOK THE WRONG FORK IN THE ROAD, BLACKIE, AN' YOURS LEAD TO ... DEATH!



BLACK RIDER

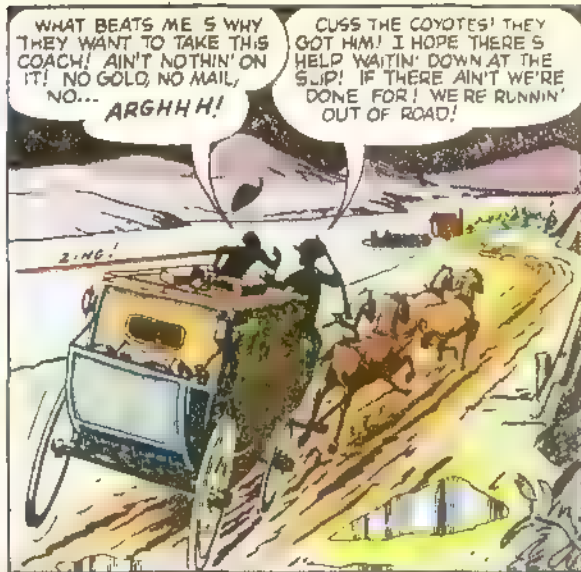
MYSTERY MAN OF THE WESTERN RANGE!





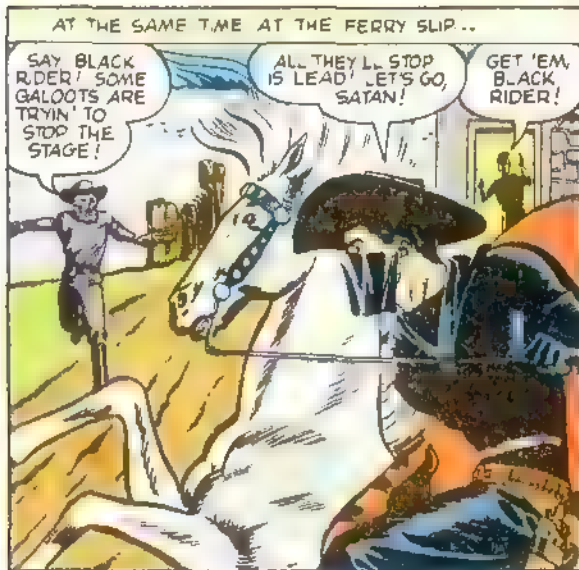
WHAT IS IT, DRIVER? WHO IS SHOOTING AT US?

IT SURE AIN'T FRIENDS OF OURS, MA'AM! GET DOWN IN THE BOTTOM OF THE COACH! THERE'S LOOSE LEAD FLYING AROUND!



WHAT BEATS ME & WHY THEY WANT TO TAKE THIS COACH! AIN'T NOTHIN' ON IT! NO GOLD, NO MAIL, NO... ARGHHH!

CUSS THE COYOTES! THEY GOT HIM! I HOPE THERE'S HELP WAITIN' DOWN AT THE SUMP! IF THERE AIN'T WE'RE DONE FOR! WE'RE RUNNIN' OUT OF ROAD!

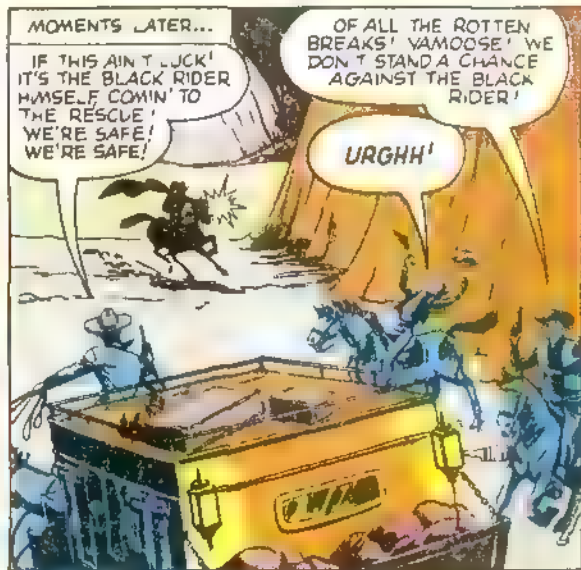


AT THE SAME TIME AT THE FERRY SLIP...

SAY BLACK RIDER! SOME GALLOOTS ARE TRYIN' TO STOP THE STAGE!

ALL THEY LL STOP IS LEAD! LET'S GO, SATAN!

GET 'EM, BLACK RIDER!



MOMENTS LATER...

IF THIS AIN'T LUCK! IT'S THE BLACK RIDER HIMSELF COMIN' TO THE RESCUE! WE'RE SAFE! WE'RE SAFE!

OF ALL THE ROTTEN BREAKS! YAMOOSE! WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE AGAINST THE BLACK RIDER!

URGH!

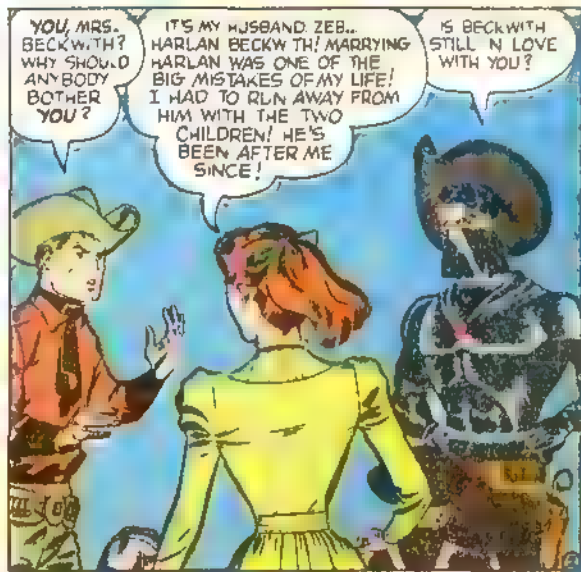


FIVE MINUTES LATER...

THANKS, HAL! WE'D HAVE BEEN BUZZARD-MEAT IF NOT FOR YOU!

WHAT WERE THESE BANDITS AFTER? THEY AMBUSHED YOU AND YET YOU'VE NOTHING OF VALUE ABOARD!

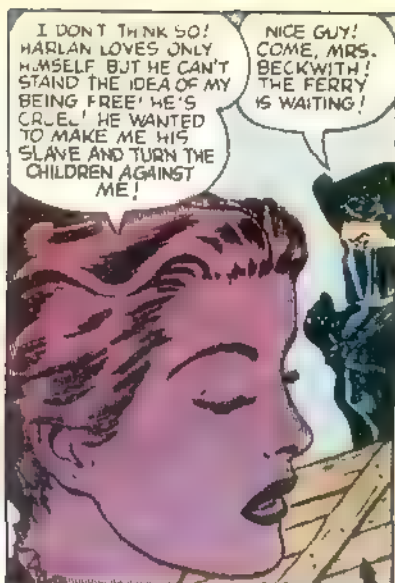
IT MAY BE ME THEY WERE AFTER SIR! THAT IS ME AND MY CHILDREN! SOME OUTLAWS TRED TO KILL US LAST WEEK IN CASPER!



YOU, MRS. BECKWITH? WHY SHOULD ANYBODY BOTHER YOU?

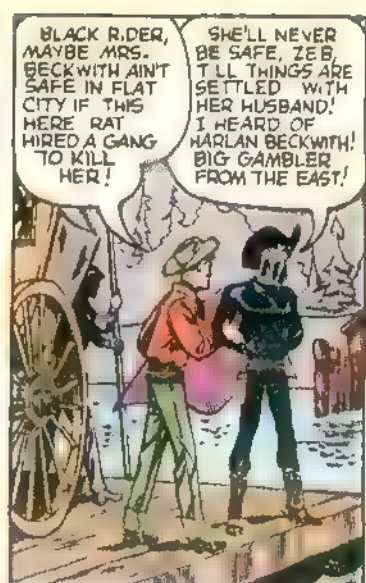
IT'S MY HUSBAND ZEB... HARLAN BECKWITH! MARRYING HARLAN WAS ONE OF THE BIG MISTAKES OF MY LIFE! I HAD TO RUN AWAY FROM HIM WITH THE TWO CHILDREN! HE'S BEEN AFTER ME SINCE!

IS BECKWITH STILL IN LOVE WITH YOU?



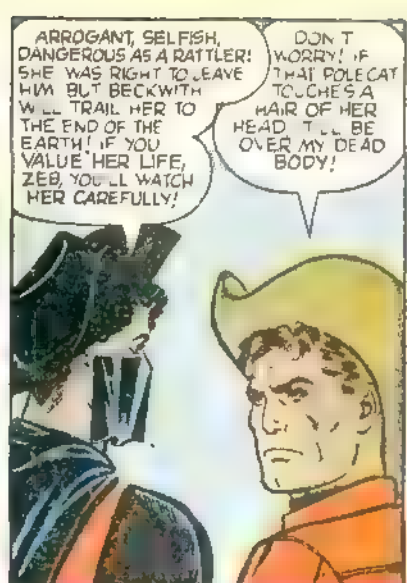
I DON'T THINK SO! HARLAN LOVES ONLY HIMSELF, BUT HE CAN'T STAND THE IDEA OF MY BEING FREE! HE'S CRUEL! HE WANTED TO MAKE ME HIS SLAVE AND TURN THE CHILDREN AGAINST ME!

NICE GUY! COME, MRS. BECKWITH! THE FERRY IS WAITING!



BLACK RIDER, MAYBE MRS. BECKWITH AIN'T SAFE IN FLAT CITY IF THIS HERE RAT HIRED A GANG TO KILL HER!

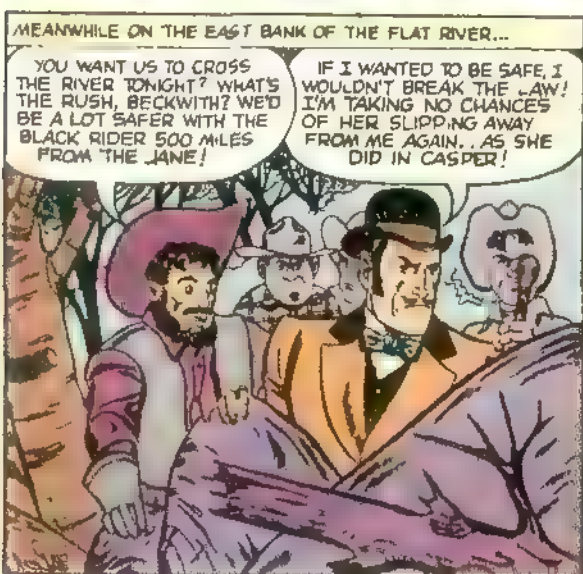
SHE'LL NEVER BE SAFE, ZEB. T'LL THINGS ARE SETTLED WITH HER HUSBAND! I HEARD OF HARLAN BECKWITH! BIG GAMBLER FROM THE EAST!



ARROGANT, SELFISH, DANGEROUS AS A RATTLER! SHE WAS RIGHT TO LEAVE HIM BUT BECKWITH WILL TRAIL HER TO THE END OF THE EARTH! IF YOU VALUE HER LIFE, ZEB, YOU'LL WATCH HER CAREFULLY!

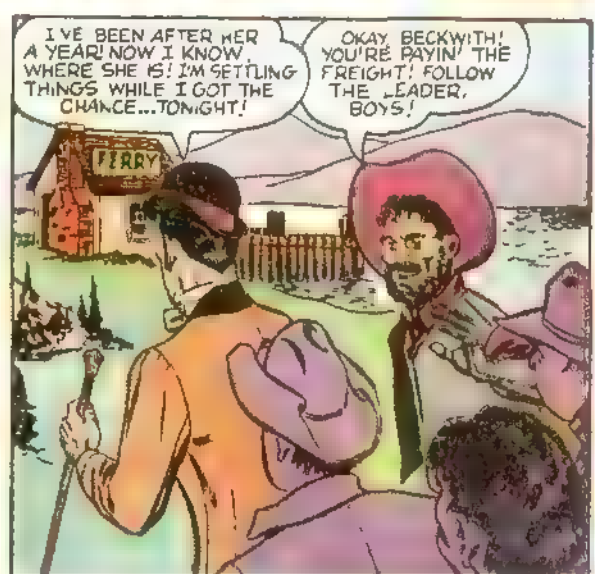
DON'T WORRY! IF THAT POLECAT TOUCHES A HAIR OF HER HEAD, I'LL BE OVER MY DEAD BODY!

MEANWHILE ON THE EAST BANK OF THE FLAT RIVER...



YOU WANT US TO CROSS THE RIVER TONIGHT? WHAT'S THE RUSH, BECKWITH? WE'D BE A LOT SAFER WITH THE BLACK RIDER 500 MILES FROM THE JANE!

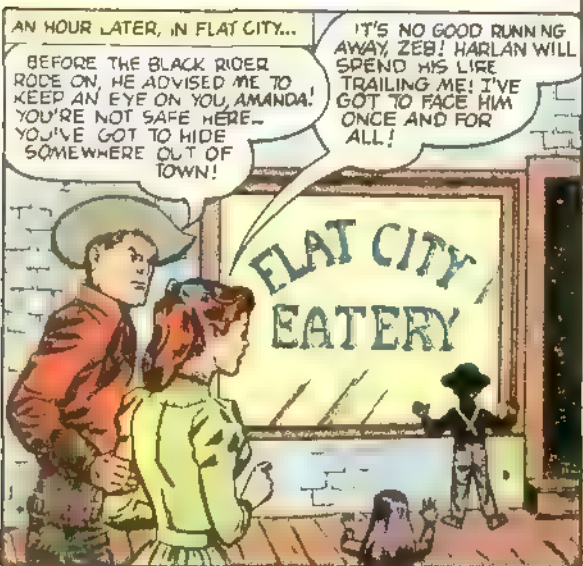
IF I WANTED TO BE SAFE, I WOULDN'T BREAK THE LAW! I'M TAKING NO CHANCES OF HER SLIPPING AWAY FROM ME AGAIN... AS SHE DID IN CASPER!



I'VE BEEN AFTER HER A YEAR! NOW I KNOW WHERE SHE IS! I'M SETTTLING THINGS WHILE I GOT THE CHANCE... TONIGHT!

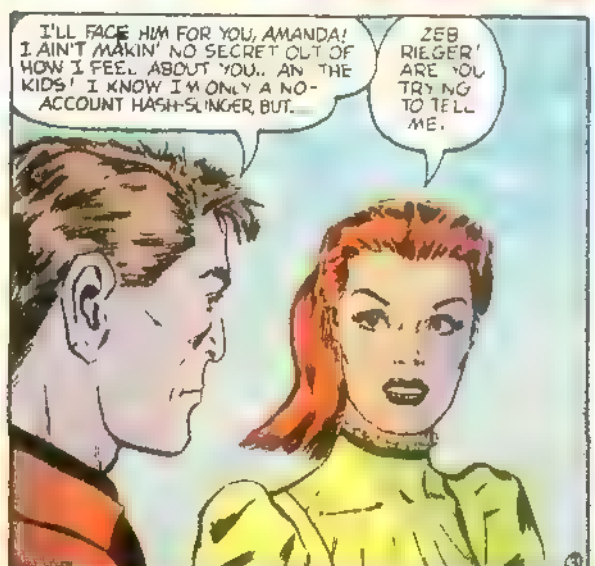
OKAY BECKWITH! YOU'RE PAYIN' THE FREIGHT! FOLLOW THE LEADER, BOYS!

AN HOUR LATER, IN FLAT CITY...



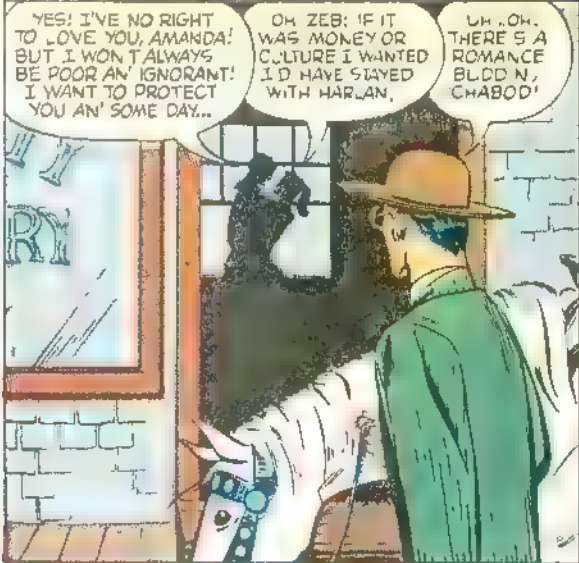
BEFORE THE BLACK RIDER RODE ON, HE ADVISED ME TO KEEP AN EYE ON YOU, AMANDA! YOU'RE NOT SAFE HERE... YOU'VE GOT TO HIDE SOMEWHERE OUT OF TOWN!

IT'S NO GOOD RUNNING AWAY, ZEB! HARLAN WILL SPEND HIS LIFE TRAILING ME! I'VE GOT TO FACE HIM ONCE AND FOR ALL!



I'LL FACE HIM FOR YOU, AMANDA! I AIN'T MAKIN' NO SECRET OUT OF HOW I FEEL ABOUT YOU... AN THE KIDS! I KNOW I'M ONLY A NO-ACCOUNT HASH-SLINGER, BUT...

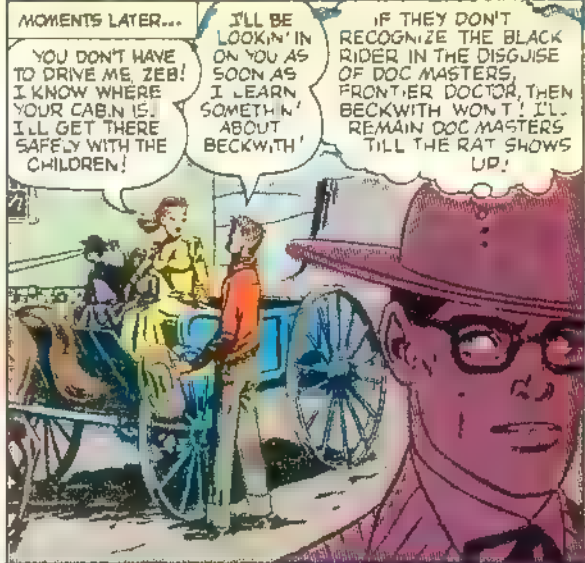
ZEB RIEGER! ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME...



YES! I'VE NO RIGHT TO LOVE YOU, AMANDA! BUT I WON'T ALWAYS BE POOR AN' IGNORANT! I WANT TO PROTECT YOU AN' SOME DAY...

OH ZEB: IF IT WAS MONEY OR CULTURE I WANTED I'D HAVE STAYED WITH HARLAN.

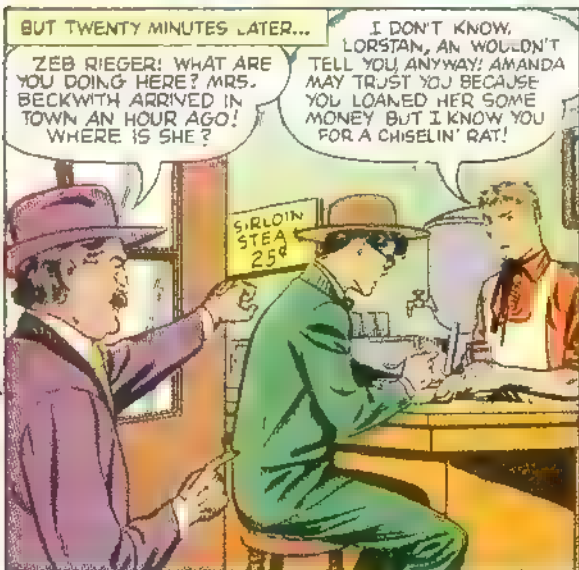
UH..OH. THERE'S A ROMANCE BLDD N, CHABOD'



MOMENTS LATER...
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DRIVE ME, ZEB! I KNOW WHERE YOUR CABIN IS. I'LL GET THERE SAFELY WITH THE CHILDREN!

I'LL BE LOOKIN' IN ON YOU AS SOON AS I LEARN SOMETHIN' ABOUT BECKWITH'

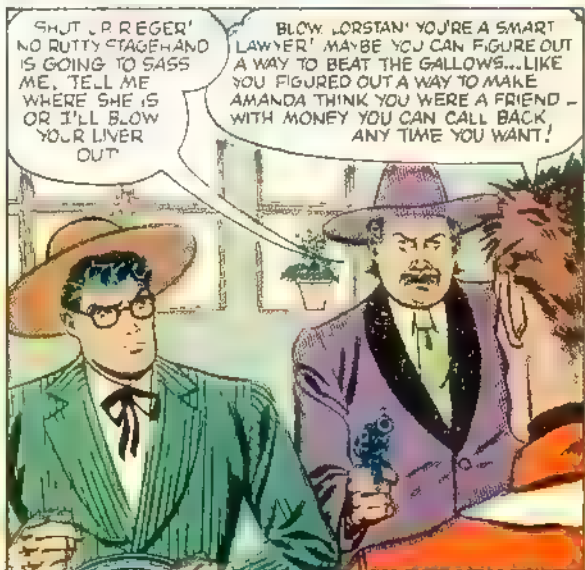
IF THEY DON'T RECOGNIZE THE BLACK RIDER IN THE DISGUISE OF DOC MASTERS, FRONTIER DOCTOR, THEN BECKWITH WON'T! I'LL REMAIN DOC MASTERS TILL THE RAT SHOWS UP!



BUT TWENTY MINUTES LATER...

ZEB RIEGER! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? MRS. BECKWITH ARRIVED IN TOWN AN HOUR AGO! WHERE IS SHE?

I DON'T KNOW, LORSTAN, AN WOULDNT TELL YOU ANYWAY! AMANDA MAY TRUST YOU BECAUSE YOU LOANED HER SOME MONEY BUT I KNOW YOU FOR A CHISELIN' RAT!



SHUT UP RIEGER! NO RUTTY STAGEHAND IS GOING TO SASS ME. TELL ME WHERE SHE IS OR I'LL BLOW YOUR LIVER OUT!

BLOW LORSTAN! YOU'RE A SMART LAWYER! MAYBE YOU CAN FIGURE OUT A WAY TO BEAT THE GALLOWS...LIKE YOU FIGURED OUT A WAY TO MAKE AMANDA THINK YOU WERE A FRIEND - WITH MONEY YOU CAN CALL BACK ANY TIME YOU WANT!



PARDON ME, FELLER, BUT WAVIN' A GUN N FRONT OF MY NOSE SPOILS MY APPETITE!

YEEOWW!

BLAM!



YOU CLOD-HOPPER! I'LL... KKKK!

I HATE A MAN WHO TRIES TO BUY A WOMAN'S TRUST WITH MONEY!

ME TOO!



WAIT, YOU MANGY PAUPER! I'LL SETTLE YOUR HASH!

THAT BUZZARD WORRIES ME, MISTER! I'M CLOSING UP SHOP! I WANT TO MAKE SURE CERTAIN PEOPLE ARE SAFE FROM VISITS BY TWO-LEGGED RATS!

MINUTES LATER, IN THE SHADOWS OF THE FLAT CITY EATERY, AN AMAZING CHANGE...DOC MASTERS BECOMES THAT NEMESIS OF EVIL...THE BLACK RIDER...

OUR RUSE OF SWITCHING TO DOC MASTERS SO THAT WE DON'T SCARE THE SKUNKS AWAY HAS SUCCEEDED, SATAN! ZEB MAY BE RIGHT, SUSPECTING LORSTAN OF DIRTY WORK! ANYWAY, I'M FOLLOWING ZEB TO HIS CABIN!

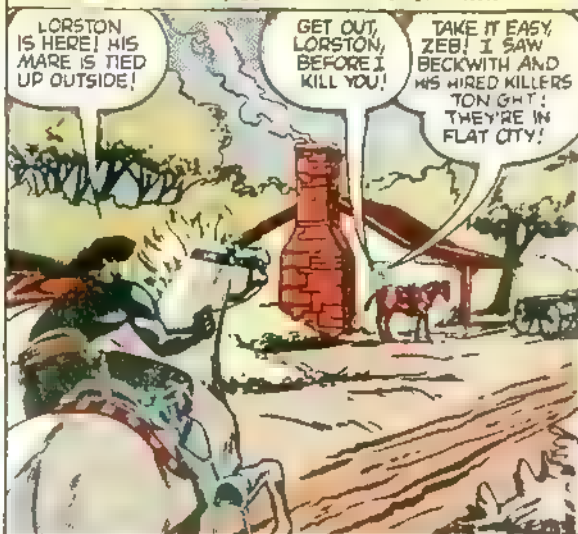


FIVE MINUTES LATER, JUST OUTSIDE OF TOWN...

LORSTAN IS HERE! HIS MARE IS TIED UP OUTSIDE!

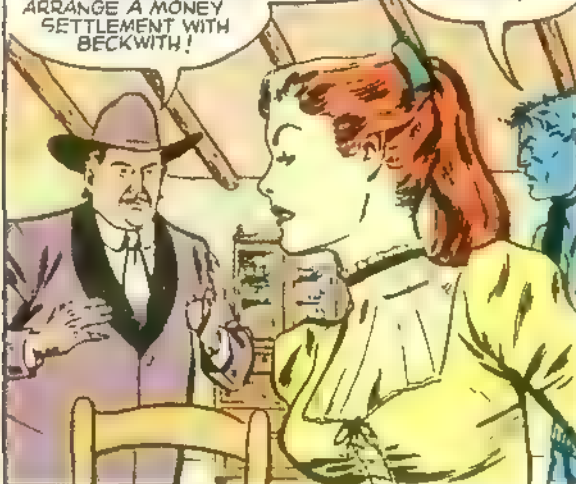
GET OUT, LORSTAN, BEFORE I KILL YOU!

TAKE IT EASY, ZEB! I SAW BECKWITH AND HIS HIRED KILLERS TONIGHT! THEY'RE IN FLAT CITY!



I CAN SEND BECKWITH OFF ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE, AMANDA IF YOU LEAVE TOWN TONIGHT! GO BACK TO CASPER! HIDE OUT THERE TILL I ARRANGE A MONEY SETTLEMENT WITH BECKWITH!

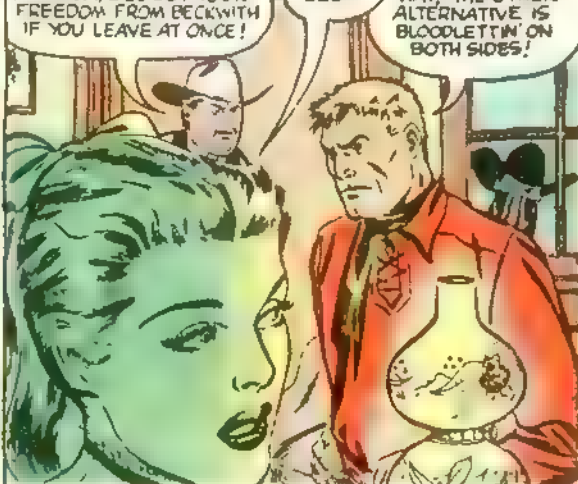
WHO SAYS YOU CAN BUY BECKWITH WITH MONEY?



YOU CAN BUY ANY MAN! I'VE GOT MORE MONEY THAN I KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH! AMANDA, I'LL BUY YOUR FREEDOM FROM BECKWITH IF YOU LEAVE AT ONCE!

WHAT SHOULD I DO, ZEB?

IF MONEY'LL BUY BECKWITH OFF IT'S THE EASIEST WAY! THE OTHER ALTERNATIVE IS BLOODLETTIN' ON BOTH SIDES!



AN HOUR LATER, IN FRONT OF THE STAGE TERMINAL IN FLAT CITY...

I'LL DRIVE YOU TO CASPER MYSELF AMANDA! I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU GET THERE!

SO DO I! LORSTAN KNEW SHE WAS HIDING FROM BECKWITH! HE'S JUST MEAN ENOUGH TO BETRAY HER FOR THE RIGHT PRICE!

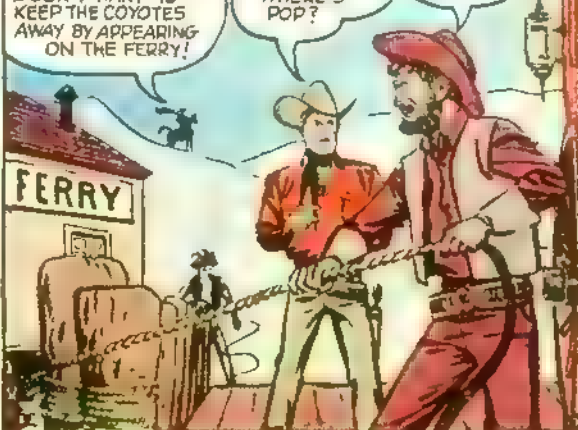


NEAR THE FLAT RIVER FERRY SLIP...

WE'LL SWIM BEHIND THE FERRY AS AN UNSEEN ESCORT, SATAN! IF THERE'S A SHOWDOWN COMING, I DON'T WANT TO KEEP THE COYOTES AWAY BY APPEARING ON THE FERRY!

HEY! I NEVER SEEN YOU MEN BEFORE! WHERE'S POP?

WE'RE RELIEVING HIM! AN THE KID'S OKAY. T.M. CAST OFF!



HA' HA. HAVE A
NICE SWIM... DOWN!

ZED! THEY'VE
SCUTTLED THE
FERRY WE'RE
SINKING!

THIS IS LORSTAN'S
WORK... HE MUST'VE
BEEN N CAHOOTS
WITH BECKW TH!
I'VE GOT TO FREE
THE HORSES BEFORE
THE STAGE DRAGS
THEM DOWN!

BUT A HUNDRED YARDS AWAY...

TIM: IT'S THE BLACK RIDER! HE'S BACK AGAIN! KILL HIM!

SHE'S SPRINGIN'
BULLET-LEAKS' WE'LL
DROW...
HIEEEE!

THE BLACK RIDER!
MAN, YOU TURN UP AT
THE RIGHT TIME!

YOU WERE SMART
TO FREE THE HORSES,
ZEB! PUT THE LADY
AND A KID ON EACH
ONE AND MAKE FOR
THE OPPOSITE
SHORE!

IT'S THE
BLACK
RIDER!
HE'S HELPING
THEM
ESCAPE!
KILL
HIM!

BUT SATAN'S POWERFUL LEGS CHURN FORWARD! THE BLACK RIDER'S DEADLY GUNS COME WITHIN RANGE...

ОМНН.

GET HIM OR WE'LL
WIND UP ON THE
GALLOWS!

BECKWITH WILL RUE
THE DAY HE EVER TRIED
TO PERSECUTE THAT GIRL!
HE DOESN'T WANT HER
BACK! HE WANTS TO
MURDER HER!

AND THE KIDS
TOO! THIS FOR
THE DEATH YOU
NEARLY BROUGHT
THEM, YOU TWO
YELLOW-BELLIED
RATTLERS!

IM GETTIN' OUT
OF HERE! IT'S
SUICIDE TO STAND
UP TO THE
BLACK
RIDER!

MOMENTS LATER...

LORSTAN'S DEAD!
AND YOU AREN'T
GOING TO MAKE IT
TO THE DOCTORS,
BECKWITH! COME
CLEAN! WHY'D
YOU TRY TO
MURDER YOUR
FAMILY?

AMANDA'S
INNER TANCE! HER
UNCLE DIED LAST
YEAR IN BOSTON!
LEFT A FORTUNE!
BUT SHE DIDN'T
KNOW ABOUT IT!
WHEN SHE SPURNED
ME AND RAN AWAY, I
WENT FOR THE WHOLE
ROLL! LORSTAN
GETTING A CUT TO
HELP ME TRACK HER
TO... URGHH!

WELL, AMANDA, YOU'RE AN HEIRESS NOW! HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR MONEY?

THAT'S
FOR MY
FUTURE
HUSBAND
TO
DECIDE!

THEN I SAY WE
USE IT TO MAKE THE
WEST A BETTER
PLACE TO LIVE IN!
WE'LL BUILD A
SCHOOL, A CHURCH
AND BRING IN
HONEST LAWMEN
WHO'LL FIGHT
FOR THE CAUSE
OF JUSTICE
JUST AS THE
BLACK RIDER
DOES!

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